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LLANCARFAN CHARITY GOLF DAY REMEMBERS CERYS

LAST Saturday, October 11, the third annual Llancarfan Charity Golf Day, in aid of the Cerys Potter Foundation, was held at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Golfers of all abilities were thrown together in a Texas Scramble to see who would be champions and hold the bragging rights for the remaining 12 months.

There were a number of competitions throughout the day, Rob won the nearest the pin on the 16th, Nick Crane was victorious in the nearest the pin on the golf simulator and Martyn Hughes triumphed at the longest drive.

The winning four ball were the team from Travis Perkins. It was a close-fought competition, with three teams all within a shot of each other.

Spokesman John Ford said: "We'd like to thank the organisers – Matt, Rich and John, Travis Perkins for the donation of the prizes and also Cottrell Park for organising a fantastic event.

"It brought together members of the community to raise in the region of £300 for a charity that is very close to our hearts."

RESIDENTS CALL ON BRAINS TO RE-OPEN THEIR VILLAGE PUB

A Vale village is demanding action from Brains Brewery because its historic local pub has now been left empty for over a year.

The Carne Arms in Llysworney dates back more than 400 years, and photos inside the pub recall how it was once visited by Hollywood stars – when St Donat's Castle was owned by William Randolph Hearst.

However, the last tenant left in August 2013 when Brains closed the pub, and local residents have lost patience and are calling on Brains to take action.

They have been promised support from the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies AM, and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

A spokesman for the residents, Martyn Hurst, told The GEM that they feared that the pub was being neglected and left to deteriorate. He said: "There were promises from Brains that it would be open again by Christmas. That didn't happen, of course.

"In March 2014, we had a communication from Martin Tranter, business development manager at Brains stating: "…*the site needs some investment which is being considered. … We share the ambition of returning the Carne Arms to a viable business and a village asset*."

However, only two months later, the villagers were told that: "…*development of Carne Arms has not been approved for the financial year ending September 14*."

Mr Hurst said: "In the meantime, it has been taken off list of available properties owned by Brains looking for tenants."

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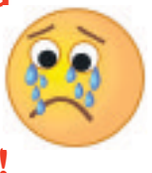
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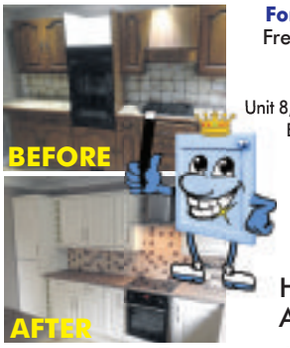

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'Solar farm in village totally unacceptable'

WITH reference to the proposed solar farm at Treoes, the scheme originally presented was perfectly acceptable to me, as it was located at a suitable distance from the village.

Solar power is another string to our energy mix, but unfortunately it was discovered that the local grid would be unable to accept such a large energy input.

Another much smaller scheme was then proposed, but to make this more financially viable cost savings had to be made.

The only saving available was to shorten the length of the 11KV cable connection to the grid. This could only be achieved by moving the site a lot closer to the village, with all the problems of noise, visual impact, disturbance and access to the site of heavy traffic during installation.

Access to the site is now within the village. The new scheme is, therefore, totally unacceptable to many of the residents most affected and, hopefully, will be rejected by Vale of Glamorgan Council in its current form.

During the 25-year life of the scheme, surely the cable cost would become insignificant?

H Austin,
Treoes.

Whose opinion counts most?

IT'S difficult to find evidence of a time – anywhere in the world – where the views of an organisation representing 7,000 experts were pitted against the second hand opinions of some people who used to live with a country's leader.

Yet that's exactly what recently happened in Wales. Readers of this newspaper may be aware that the British Medical Association – which speaks for doctors across Wales – recently warned Labour's Welsh NHS is facing "imminent meltdown" and requires an independent inquiry. A warning you would think, that the First Minister should treat extremely seriously.

The response will surely be remembered for some time to come. Responding to me, in the Assembly, Mr Jones told us all about his former flatmates in Cardiff, who have now entered the world of medicine.

"I spoke to a few of them over the weekend," he said, and "not one of them agreed" with the BMA.

So, when encountering a problem of extreme importance to frontline services, it seems we can count on Labour's Welsh leader to ring round his old college chums and formulate an opinion.

I was – and remain – bemused. Flatmates aside, a sufficient response to the BMA's concerns remains glaringly absent.

When an organisation of this magnitude calls for action, it should be forthcoming. I implore Labour's leader to change his approach and put patients first.

Andrew RT Davies AM, Welsh Conservative Leader.

Good citizens

ON Wednesday, October 1, my father was walking along Colcot Road, Barry when he fell badly, resulting in a broken hip, and a number of passers-by stopped to offer assistance and to reassure him.

We were very grateful to all who took their time to stop and, in particular, a lady who went out of her way to let us know of the incident.

Thanks to you all.

R Davies, Barry.

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Council is doing a great job attracting new players to Barry, but, please...

'Don't forget old town favourites!'

A GLASS half empty or half full? This is one way of looking at Barry... While we are constantly reading positive news from various sources, regarding the town, if you take a closer look, it could also be all doom and gloom.

Many would agree with the suggestion that Barry needs more entertainment and accommodation – but this week we've been told of the loss of entertainment (pleasure park's potential closure) and accommodation (Mount Sorrel to become a residential development?)

How can the situation be on the up with things like this happening? (We've had *Gavin and Stacey* – but that's gone too and what is left? Nothing).

All the good the council has done in regenerating the East Promenade etc has been lost by the killer blows the two potential closures will bring.

You simply can't blame the private owners of these attractions for their demise – after all, when uncertainty crept in regarding the pleasure park a few years ago, our council set up a temporary fairground on the promenade. Some years later, that remains, and the pleasure park's future now looks doomed!

Again, the company who took on Mount Sorrel have tried; those who pass by regularly would have noticed the buses of OAPs visiting for short stays – but also that family visitors are all staying at the Premier Inn site at the Waterfront.

So, yes council, you are doing a great job attracting new players, but don't let this be at the expense of seasoned favourites.

(***Name and address supplied***)

Private firms and the NHS

YOUR edition of October 9 included two letters concerning the health (or otherwise) of the NHS. From personal experience, I am sure Mr Delaney's view that private companies cannot enhance the NHS is far from the truth.

I am an NHS patient and for the last three and a half years have been dialysed three times a week in Cardiff in comfort (including my own individual TV, and tea and biscuits) by a private German company. I assume, but do not know, that my treatment by the private firm costs less than if it were carried out by the NHS.

This seems an admirable result, which should be extended to other health areas.

Of course, if it is not cheaper, the Welsh NHS negotiator who signed the contract should be shown the door!

The possibility that the NHS in Wales does not have the funds/manpower to carry out the treatment has occurred to me, in which case the use of private companies becomes essential.

Glyn Ray,
Barry.

SAD LOSS OF BARRY JEWEL

I WAS shocked and saddened to learn that a planning application is currently with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Barry Town Council to replace The Mount Sorrel Hotel with a block of flats.

Having attended many functions here over the years, including this year, I have been pleased to see how busy the hotel is and how well the public rooms and bar area on the ground floor have been improved.

The staff are lovely and nothing is too much trouble. Regrettably this wonderful group of staff will now be out of work and an excellent venue, well used by both the local community and tourists, will be sacrificed for yet more flats.

If I only had the money I would buy the hotel myself, as, undeniably, if the bedrooms were upgraded to the standard of the ground floor, it would be an even bigger jewel in Barry's crown.

Kim Sims,
Barry

LOCAL MUMS-TO-BE ARE URGED TO HAVE FLU JAB

MUMS-TO-BE in the area are being urged to have a flu jab this winter to protect their unborn child.

Nia Wyn Davies (pictured, left) had the vaccine while she was pregnant two years ago.

She did not hesitate to be vaccinated again this year now that she is expecting another child.

Nia, an ABMU neuropsychologist, said: "This is my second pregnancy. I had the flu jab with my first. He's now 16 months old. I didn't have any symptoms from having the flu jab. I had it around the six months mark, which is where I am at the moment with the second baby.

"I'm having the jab now for the same reasons I had it the first time, which is to protect myself and the baby from developing any complications if I was to contract the flu virus."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chatterbooks story

TO celebrate Chatterbooks Week, a children's group at Barry Library have created their own story with the help of author Francesca Kay.

The Vale Libraries' Twitter account @VOGLibraries will send out a series of tweets making up the whole story on October 19 at 3.30pm, October 26 at 9.30am, and November 2 at 2.30pm.

NSPCC coffee

NSPCC Barry's central committee will hold its annual coffee morning at All Saint's Church Hall, Park Road, Barry on Saturday, November 1 from 10.30am-12noon.

Tickets £1 or pay at door. Raffle, gifts, cakes.

Final reunion visit to the Canal Zone

I ORGANISE 14-day return visits to the Egyptian Canal Zone, where I served in the 1950s along with thousands of other personnel.

I know that many service people who live in The GEM's circulation area were stationed there during the troubled times of the 1950s.

Many of our service personel died and are buried in the cemeteries that we visit: Ismailia, Fayid, Moascar and tel-el-kebir.

I will take photos of any friends or loved one's graves, if any of your readers would like me to (complimentary).

Also, if any GEM readers would like to join us on our last group, I still have a few places left and will send full details to any readers who served in the zone, or have friends or relatives buried out there who may be interested in joining our group visit in April/May 2015.

We will be visiting Cairo and staying at a hotel in Ismailia overlooking Lake Timsa and visiting other places in the Canal Zone.

I am limited to 25 places on this reunion visit, due to the fact it is still a military restricted area – spouses/families (who must be over 20 years of age) are welcome.

This will be our last visit to the Egyptian Canal Zone, due to age and health reasons.

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Pensions: 'Let people decide'

TORY peer, Lord Digby Jones, came on my TV to tell us that, since we are all living longer, the increase in pensions paid must mean that, eventually, we shall all run out of money.

It is quite frightening that someone who cannot distinguish the difference between money – a currency token which circulates in order to speed up transactions – and the wealth and resources of a nation, is allowed anywhere near the economy.

If other Conservative gurus in government think in this confused mindset, it is no wonder that we are in trouble.

How much of the nation's resources should be shared and expended on OAPs, depends upon the voting decisions of the generality of citizens, who, one day, will be elderly.

Although 84 per cent of the nation's resources is in the possession of seven per cent of the population – which is the pattern preferred by Tory voters, and opposed by Labour voters – we should be able to find enough food and warmth for our own mothers and fathers if we try, and should scorn Digby's warning.

C. N. Westerman,
Brynna

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL OCTOBER 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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22 Wed	06.16	9.2	18.28	9.4
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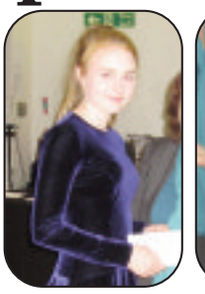
Young musicians thrill audience *(and judges)* in annual Rotary competition

The competitors in the Rotary event.

Olivia Chester.



Anwen Fardy.

Caitlin Morris.

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School played host to the annual Rotary Young Musician (instrumentalist) competition on October 9.

As usual, there was a very strong field of competitors, all of whom were drawn from local schools in the western Vale.

The competition was sponsored by Llantwit Major Rotary Club and has been running in its current form for eight or nine years. Matthew Upcott (Cowbridge School) played two clarinet studies by Iwan Miller and James Rae.

Pianist Rhys Richards from Llantwit Major School played the *Andante* from Beethoven's Sonata in G followed by *Allegro* by Lennox Berkeley.

There have been very few brass instrumentalists over the years in this competition, but that omission was rectified by trumpeter Michael Hain (Cowbridge School) who played *Recitativo* by Rene Defossez, followed by the first movement of Haydn's *Trumpet Concerto*.

While the judges went went off to another room to make their decisions, the audience was treated to some impromptu entertainment by some wonderful singers and instrumentalists from Cowbridge Comprehensive.

Flautist Olivia Chester (Cowbridge) was awarded third prize for her rendition of part of Gounod's *Concertino for Flute* and Cantilena from Poulenc's *Sonata for Flute and Piano*.

Second prize was awarded to the first of three harpists, Anwen Fardy (Ysgol Bro Morgannwg) who played the prelude from *Partita Number 3* by J S Bach, followed by *Viejo Zortzico* by Jesus Guridi.

The judging panel, made up of Mary Noyes, Anthony Tarlton and Matthew Nash, awarded joint first place to two very talented young harpists, Caitlin Morris (Ysgol Iolo Morganwg) and Ioan Wardhaugh (Cowbridge School).

Caitlin, who is only 10, played her two pieces with great skill and artistry – *Presto* by J S Bach and *Etude* by Felix Godefroid.

Ioan played his two contrasting pieces *Passacaille* by Handel and *Boundless* by Kim Robertson with great expressiveness.

Chief judge Anthony Tarlton congratulated these extremely talented young people on their performances and wished the first prize winners luck in the next round of the competition, which is due to take place in Neath in February 2015.

Presentations were made to the winning contestants by Rotarian Mary Noyes, president of the Rotary Club of Llantwit Major. **TC**

ABOVE: Rotary president, Mary Noyes, with Ioan Wardhaugh.

Calls for village pub to re-open

Local residents are concerned about the condition of the Carne Arms.

ABOVE: Andrew RT Davies (right) and Martyn Hurst.

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Mr Hurst added: "The building is deteriorating badly and is a health hazard, due to rat infestation.

"The village is suffering from the lack of a community facility."

Mr Hurst told The GEM that Alun Cairns and Andrew RT Davies have both communicated with Scott Waddington, CEO of Brains, requesting that he meet with a small group of concerned villagers. Despite a number of prompts and requests, no response from Mr Waddington has been received.

Andrew RT Davies said: "Clearly the pub is in a poor state of repair and if these repairs do not take place soon, it could be too late to reopen.

"The Carne Arms was, like many other village pubs in Wales, at the very heart of the local community.

"I know that the community is keen to find a way forward and I am more than willing to support residents in their campaign to return the pub to Llysworney."

Martyn Hurst concluded: "The village group working to get some action to re-open the pub has total support of the community.

"Individuals are going to write to Scott Waddington expressing concern and asking for news on when the pub will be operating again. Mr Waddington is likely to have an overflowing in-tray!"

Gareth Johns at Brains responded: "As mentioned previously, we're committed to finding the right business partner for all of our businesses so that we give the best possible experience to our customers.

"So far, we haven't been successful in this at the Carne Arms and until such time as we do, we will have the future of the site under review.

"However, should the right business partner come forward, we would be very willing to talk to them to discuss a partnership agreement."

He added: "We've been in contact with the offices of Alun Cairns and Andrew RT Davies and are in the process of arranging a meeting."

IT'S APPLE DAY!

AFTER a highly successful first pressing, when over 100 samples of fresh apple juice from surplus local fruit were given out, the Harvest Cowbridge project is back at the Cowbridge Farmers Market to celebrate Cowbridge Apple Day, on Saturday (October 18) from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

See and taste apple juice made fresh from the press. Bring a bag of apples and your own container if you would like to take juice away.

There will be lots of fun and games for all the family – pin the maggot on the apple, apple bobbing, cut the longest peel, plus Glamorgan Apple Dressing – decorate your apple and hang it on the Harvest Tree to go on display at the Holy Cross Christmas Tree Festival.

Then there is the Apple Day Bake Off – bring any apple bakes along – they will be taste-tested by local food writer Catrin Price-Thomas, of The Taster magazine, at 11.30am.

Have a go at a local heritage bake, Apple Pudding Pie, taken from an 18th century Llantrithyd farmer's recipe book found in the Glamorgan Archives.

As a guide, mix together half pound cooked apple, 3 tbsp butter, approx. 6 oz sugar (to taste), 3 tbsps lemon juice, 1 tsp lemon rind, a little salt, 4 lightly beaten eggs. Pour into uncooked pastry case. Bake for 15mins at 450 degrees, then 275 degrees for an hour until it resembles custard. Adjust ingredients and method as you need to make it work!

Apple Days are now celebrated by many communities and have evolved from a common ground initiative in the 1990s to champion the uniqueness of local produce and biodiversity.

"We are grateful for funding from a Creative Rural Communities' 'Pride in our Rural Heritage' grant to start the Harvest Cowbridge project.

"Along with a Cowbridge Wassail in January, we hope Cowbridge Apple Day will become a regular date in the town's calendar", said Debbie Leigh, a spokesperson for the group.

Harvest Cowbridge can be found on Facebook, or via www.hubcowbridge.com/harvestcowbridge.

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LOCAL PUPILS ARE PRAISED FOR JOINING LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

PUPILS from local primary schools were regular visitors to Cowbridge Library over the holidays as they tackled the 'Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge'.

The reading challenge is an annual event and children can read whatever they like – as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Every time children finish a book, they get stickers and rewards and there's a certificate for everyone who finishes.

More than 300 children joined at Cowbridge Library this summer and librarian Melanie Weeks said: "This has been a bumper year for the reading challenge at Cowbridge Library.

"Congratulations to all those who took part and completed the challenge".

ABOVE:
The well-read pupils at Peterston-super-Ely Church-in-Wales Primary School.

ABOVE: The summer reading challenge certificate ceremony at St David's Church in Wales School, Colwinston. St David's were also the winners of the inaugural Cowbridge Library Summer Reading Challenge Schools Cup. This Cup is awarded to the school that has the highest percentage of summer reading challenge finishers. St David's just pipped Y Bont Faen and Ysgol Iolo Morganwg at the post!

Y Bont Faen School pupils with their certificates.

Llangan School pupils show off their certificates.

A family of readers - Tom, Millie and Megan Lowe - St. David's Church in Wales School, Colwinston

ABOVE:
The certificate presentation ceremony at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

LEFT:
A family of readers - Ffion, Carys, Celyn and Efan Mitchell - Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

RIGHT:
A family of readers - Jasmine, Naomi and Nicole Bacon-Peniche - St. David's Church in Wales School, Colwinston

THREAT TO 'GOUGE OUT' VICTIM'S EYES

One-year sentence for eight months pregnant woman

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

AN eight-months pregnant woman broke down in the dock at Cardiff Crown Court, when she was sent to a young offender institution for a year for attacking a young model and stealing her mobile phone.

At one point, said prosecutor Tracey Lloyd-Nesling, Lauren Simpson (19) had threatened to gouge out the eyes of her 18-year-old victim.

Simpson, of Cornerswell Road, Penarth, pleaded guilty to causing 18-year-old Derryn Gaiger actual bodily harm, and theft.

Judge Neil Bidder QC described Simpson as "a very violent young woman" who had caused the victim to suffer an utterly terrifying experience that she will never forget.

Miss Lloyd-Nesling said that on August 8 last year, Miss Gaiger was walking home in Barry Island, accompanied part of the way by a friend. Simpson appeared with a man and a woman and asked for cigarettes.

Miss Gaiger said she didn't have one, and turned out her pockets to prove it, revealing that she had a Blackberry mobile phone.

Miss Lloyd-Nesling said: "Simpson grabbed her and repeatedly punched her to the face. She put her hand over her mouth to stop her calling for help, held her throat and head and threatened to gouge out her eyes." Soon after, she punched the victim again and eventually ran off.

Miss Gaiger was taken to hospital and treated for facial injuries.

Simpson was later identified on Facebook, and was arrested in Amherst Crescent, Barry Island. She had changed her clothing since the incident, denied being responsible and set up a "false alibi", said Miss Lloyd-Nesling.

The victim later stated she had been "absolutely terrified," didn't want to leave her home and suffered from flashbacks.

She pointed out that she was a model and had lost work temporarily, and also suffered depression, arthritis and insomnia.

Simpson was said to have convictions for shoplifting, battery, causing actual bodily harm and wounding with intent.

Her counsel, Stephen Jeary, said a suspended sentence was suitable because she was due to give birth next month.

Said the Judge: "This offence was committed in an isolated area. You recognised your victim's fear, assaulted her repeatedly and threatened to gouge out her eyes. It was a mean offence, and you even stole her mobile phone."

The delay in bringing the case to court, he said, had been "wholly reprehensible".

He added: "I regret the fact that you will give birth in custody."

HORSE TRADER SENTENCED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY

A horse trader has been sentenced to a total of 32 weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £80, and disqualified from keeping horses for five years, after being found guilty of offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 at a hearing at Cardiff Magistrates Court on October 7.

A Deprivation Order was made in respect of 12 horses and costs of £31,000 were awarded to the council.

The prosecution brought by City of Cardiff Council against Thomas Price of Wick, Vale of Glamorgan, followed a number of offences committed at Llanmaes Fields, St Fagans between March 6 and 14, 2013.

The court was informed that reasonable steps had not been taken to ensure the needs of 54 animals, namely horses and ponies, for which he was responsible, as he had failed to provide a suitable environment. This referred to the fact that there was no boundary fencing in place to prevent the animals from straying onto the highway, contrary to Section 9(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

The court was further informed that the defendant had not taken reasonable steps to ensure the needs of 37 animals, namely horses and ponies and that he did not protect them from pain, suffering and disease, namely starvation, contrary to Section 9(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Price was found guilty of one offence under Section 4 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, of causing unnecessary suffering to 12 horses, and one offence under Section 9, of failing to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the horses in his care were provided with a suitable diet.

He was found not guilty of one offence of failing to provide the local authority with horse passports when requested to do so.

Mr Price had sought to convince the court that the horses were not his but had been transferred to his son, Thomas Hope Price, in January 2012.

In summing up, the District Judge rejected the documents of transfer that had been drafted and concluded that they were a 'sham then and remain so to this date'.

He found that Mr Price's partner Luanne Bishop, who had drafted the one document, to not have been a credible witness.

He did not believe that Mr Price had transferred horses worth a quarter of a million pounds to his eldest son. In the words of the Judge, "the less valuable horses had been placed in Llanmaes Fields, St Fagans and severely neglected".

Cardiff councillor, Daniel De'Ath, cabinet member for regulatory services, said: "This was a particularly complex and serious case of cruelty inflicted upon defenceless animals. The comments made by the Judge in his summing up testify to the level of deceit used in attempting to cover up the offences. The council will continue to be vigilant in these cases and to act in order to protect the welfare of animals".

Cardiff City Council said it was grateful for the assistance offered in the case by the charities, Lluest Horse and Pony Trust, Redwings horse sanctuary and the RSPCA.

Halloween fun at Red Cross shop

THE Red Cross Shop, Cowbridge is having a Halloween fun day on Saturday, October 25, which will include face painting by Emma from 11am and a balloon artist from 2pm. There will also be a bake sale and Tombola.

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Superfast broadband welcomed to Llandow

Left to right: Christian Brookfield TopStak, Karen Tilley LEL, Christian Pedersen Topstak and Alun Cairns MP.

THE news that superfast broadband has arrived at Vale Business Park in Llandow, has been welcomed by Vale MP Alun Cairns, following a visit to the site.

Mr Cairns met site operator LEL Properties, and businesses Topstak and Barefoot Studio, who are based there.

He is now encouraging other businesses in the Vale to make the most of the new broadband speeds.

Christian Pedersen, director of Topstak on Vale Business Park, commented; "Having the new superfast broadband is a real asset for expanding our local and national business.

"The benefit has been immediate, and dramatically improved the broadband link with our new Monmouth shop. It also cost less than we expected!"

Ysgol Llanhari's 40th anniversary

IT'S 40 years since Ysgol Llanhari opened its doors for the first time – September 1974 saw Merfyn Griffiths become its first headteacher, and their motto then, as now was *'Gorau Gwaith Gwasanaeth' (Your best work is to* serve).

To note the occasion, Ffrindiau Llanhari (The Friends of Llanhari) which is a mixture of teachers, parents and friends of the school, will be hosting a special party at Pontyclun RFC on Saturday (October 18).

One area of the hall will be decked from top to toe with memorabilia – school photos, press cuttings and old uniforms.

Among the guest speakers will be three headteachers – Peter Griffiths, Meirion Stephens and the present head, Rhian Phillips.

Among former pupils who will be reminiscing will be Betsan Powys (editor of Radio Cymru) and Geraint Rees (one of the first pupils to attend the school).

Facebook has seen many old pupils and teachers asking for tickets and we as a committee are hoping that many more will come forward on Friday.

DANNY GREHAN, Chair of Ffrindiau Llanhari, telephone 07951551607.

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YOUNG ACTORS PUT HEART AND SOUL INTO JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR SHOW

THERE was a standing ovation from the audience at Tythe Barn, St Donats Art centre for Stage Door 1's performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar.*

The phenomenal stage presence of Kyle John as Jesus was masterful throughout. This was matched by Judas (Sebastian Lewis).

It was left to Mary (Alice Thomas) to ease the tension and her duet with Simon (Luke James) was touching and powerfully performed.

Takielan Morgan lightened the mood as Herod, supported by a beautifully choreographed dancing team (Anya Trudgian, Bethany Barrell, Caitlin Dolman, Chloe Luxton, Kathryn Llewellyn, Lara Toombs).

Ryan Sommerfield skilfully expressed the dilemma Jesus posed for him.

Balance was achieved by the chorus (Celyn White, Cerys Baker, Cerys Wood, Erica Talbot Morgan, Grace Bennion, Pawys Evans, Madi Davies, Maia Davies, Nell Roberts, Sophie Moore and Linnea Steinveg), who worked with the disciples.

Elinor Parsons, James Llwellyn Matthew Davies, Erin Jennings, Luke James, Sebastian Lewis, Caitlin Dolman, Chloe Luxton, Katheryn Llewellyn, Lara Toombs, Abbie Farmer and Charlotte Adams ensured a very professional display by a hugely talented group of young people and staff.

A spokesman for the Stage Door One Team said: "It was an absolutely phenomenal show, and everyone involved has truly outdone themselves.

"It's hard to put into words how the cast performed. However we knew from the beginning that we were ready for it.

"Now to get ready for our pantomime – *Mother Goose* in January 2015!" **FD**

Penarth man (19) smoked cannabis in the town centre

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A CANNABIS dealer spotted smoking the drug with a group in the centre of Penarth has been sentenced to a community order for one year at Cardiff Crown Court.

Recorder Ian Murphy QC said that such behaviour in a public place in the middle of the day was "incredibly naive".

Shaeman Averies (19) of High Street, Penarth, had been convicted by Cardiff magistrates of possessing cannabis with intent, and theft of a wallet by finding, and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor Tim Naylor said that on July 2 the police officers were in Victoria Place, Penarth, and spotted a group of young people and smelled cannabis.

Averies had on him five bags of the drug, a grinder and £49.

At his home, they found more cannabis and a wallet which Averies said he had found.

He admitted buying the cannabis for £220 "on tick" and supplying friends with a profit of £60.

Mr Naylor said he accepted that he found the wallet and kept it.

His solicitor, Anne Griffiths, said he accepted his behaviour was opportunistic.

Foolishly, he had wanted to make cash. He dealt, he said, only with friends and wished to fund his own habit.

"There was a degree of immaturity," she said.

The Recorder described the offence as serious and said that his behaviour had been nothing less than incredibly naive.

He was ordered to carry out 160 hours unpaid work and the drugs were ordered to be destroyed and the cash forfeited.

TENSE THRILLER ON BIG SCREEN

BIG Screen's next film for this season is *The Two Faces of January* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, October 23, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Glamorous American couple, the charismatic Chester MacFarland (Viggo Mortensen) and his alluring younger wife Colette (Kirsten Dunst) are in Athens sightseeing when they meet up with a young tour guide who becomes infatuated with Colette.

Events take an unexpected turn, giving rise to Chester's jealousy and paranoia, leading to a tense and dangerous battle of wits between the two men.

Doors open at 7pm; tickets £4 (available in advance from the town clerk's office, or on the door).

The winning image by Andy Ford.

ANDY'S REFLECTION WINS THE DAY IN PHOTO COMPETITION

THE Ferguson Club annual photographic competition, held at the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society ploughing match on September 14, attracted 35 entries.

A spokesperson reported: "The standard of images was very good and the judges were hard-pressed to make their decisions".

The winner of the competition was Andy Ford, Newport, with his 'reflection in a mirror.' Second place went to Sally Carnall of St Brides Major, with her 'team of ploughing horses' and third place was again Andy Ford, with his 'Ferguson bunny.'

Building 'Oscar' for site manager

LOCAL site manager Steve Northam has won a 'seal of excellence' in the second round of UK house-building's equivalent to the Oscars – the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards.

Selected from around 15,000 site managers across the country, Steve of Taylor Wimpey south Wales, was one of 10 recognised at a ceremony held at Cardiff City Hall on Saturday for his Scholars' View site in Town Mill Road, Cowbridge.

Steve said: "I enjoy making my customers satisfied. This award gives me great satisfaction in a job well done, with the support of a winning team."

AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME SHARES LOVE!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ambassador programme aims to encapsulate all that we love about the Vale, to pool that knowledge to share with each other and our visitors – to keep them here, encourage their return and enthuse others to visit.

Creative Rural Communities have been running the programme over the summer; recruits have attended workshops and excursions with expert speakers to share and enhance their knowledge of this wonderful region along the following themes:

Glamorganshire: People, History and Mysteries; Cuisine and Crafts; Culture and Colloquialism; Events.

Excursions have include guided visits to Tinkinswood burial chamber, Dinas Powys Hill Fort, St Cadoc's Church wall paintings, Ewenny Pottery, guided tour along Temple Bay Southerndown, Mary Flanders well, Ogmore Castle, Slade Farm and incorporated storytelling.

Shan Eastwood of Shan's Wales Tours, one of the first Ambassador's, said: "The Vale is a bit of a hidden gem, it's packed with history, all very quaint and quirky, and behind the natural beauty are lots of fantastic stories and hidden histories – of saints and knights, ghosts, pirates, villains – lots of diversity. There are many great places to visit that tell a great tale.

"The workshops and excursions have been a treasure trove, great fun and very inspiring. I am now walking and exploring places that I had never dreamt existed. I would thoroughly recommend it."

Branwen Dickson of CRC said: "The learning sharing and visits have been so fascinating and infectious, it really ignites the fire to learn more and share that with others.

"We would love you to come and join us and find out more and perhaps become an ambassador yourself."

The event is being supported by Vale Tourism Department and Vale Tourism Association. Creative Rural Communities is a regeneration and economic development initiative led by the Vale Council, in partnership with various public, private and voluntary sector organisations.

The project is funded through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

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creative RURAL COMMUNITIES

MAYOR SUPPORTS NEW DEMENTIA PLAN IN THE VALE

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Coun Howard Hamilton, has launched the 'Dementia Supportive Communities' initiative in Barry, the first of its kind in the Vale.

The pilot forms part of the three-year dementia plan which was launched earlier this year. Along with another in Cardiff, the pilot in Barry will run for a year, after which the initiative will be rolled out in stages to the rest of the Cardiff and Vale areas.

Melanie Andrews, operations manager for Alzheimer's Society in south east Wales, said: "It is great to hear of the positive work happening in Barry.

"The programme isn't about creating experts, it's about helping people understand a little bit more about what it's like to live with the condition and then turn that understanding into action."

The initiative involves a number of public, private and third sector organisations working together and taking part in dementia awareness sessions, which have been developed by the Alzheimer's Society.

The Mayor added: "I am delighted to offer my support to this initiative and would urge the residents and local businesses in Barry to attend the awareness sessions, so that those who are affected by dementia, along with their carers, are given the support and encouragement they need."

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT, Committee Room 3, Civic Offices, Holton Road, October 16 a 6.30pm.

COFFEE and chat, St Brides Major Church Hall on October 18 at 10.30am.

COFFEE and chat, Ewenny Garden Centre, October 28 at 10.30am.

RHOOSE PACT, Community Hall, Celtic Way, October 30 at 6.30pm.

COURT PACT, Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road, Barry, November 6 at 6pm.

Marathon bid to fund organ restoration

THE organ at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry requires significant restoration to extend its playing life; this unique instrument is a World War One memorial with a brass plaque attached to it naming the men of the Parish who did not return from the War.

It is often said that the 'Battle of Waterloo' was won on the playing fields of Eton so could the Battle of the Somme in the first World War have been won on the playing fields of Cowbridge School?

Several of the names on the plaque were old boys of Cowbridge School with its strong tradition of sports and athletics.

It is, therefore, apt that in order to raise money for this restoration, Graham Loveluck Edwards from Rhoose has decided to run in the Dublin Marathon which takes place on October 27.

Graham formerly served with the Royal Green Jackets (light infantry regiment) in the 1990s.

He used to run in 5k and 10k competitions for Chepstow Harriers. The challenge of raising funds required to restore the organ and the Lychgate at the Church inspired Graham to have another crack at running a marathon.

So far, the parishioners at St Curig's have sponsored Graham to the tune of £300, but a lot more is needed and we are appealing to the generosity of your readers. Donations can be made on line at http//www.gofundme.com/d4g7eg or you can follow the links from the 'Parish of Porthkerry and Rhoose' facebook page.

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'The Vale is not for shale', says Plaid councillor

Coun Ian Johnson with Vale anti-fracking campaigner, Sian Elin Jones, and the crowd at last Saturday's Frack Free Wales rally outside the National Assembly.

HUNDREDS of people attended Saturday's anti-fracking demonstration in Cardiff Bay, organised by Friends of the Earth Cymru and Frack Free Wales.

They included people from the Vale who heard speeches from campaigner Donal Whelan from St Hilary, Lord Dafydd Wigley and Plaid Cymru AM Bethan Jenkins.

Also present was Plaid councillor Ian Johnson, who said: "Plaid Cymru supports a moratorium on fracking until it can be proven that it is scientifically and environmentally safe.

"However, shale gas is a fossil fuel which can only be used once, so it makes no sense to invest money in recovering gas from under our feet when we should be investing in endless renewable energy, such as the huge potential for tidal energy from the Severn Channel from tidal lagoons or a tidal reef.

"But the message from last week's rally was that the Vale is not for shale."

Two rambles in late autumn sunshine

PENARTH and District Ramblers recently enjoyed what appeared to be the last of the gorgeous autumnal sunshine with two walks, one in the mountains of the western Brecon Beacons and the other closer to home.

Robin and his spaniel Pepper set off with their small group in unexpectedly good weather across the Afon Llia and along the Beacon's Way to join part of the long distance Roman road of Sarn Helen, before avoiding the many shakeholes on the open moorland on their journey to climb Fan Gyhirych, where soldiers were taking part in an army exercise carrying huge 55lb rucksacks!

After descending, their next target was Fan Nedd and still being accompanied by soldiers racing against the clock, they climbed steadily to the summit at 663 metres to enjoy the surrounding views. Then it was all downhill and across uneven, undefined paths though tumpy grass which caused a few spills, before they eventually caught up with the dog and made it back to their start, still in one piece.

The local walk attracted a group of 15 and dogs Bracken and Bronte, who with leaders Krys and Pam set off in hazy but warm sunshine along the cliff path from Penarth to Lavernock Point, to hear the story of Marconi's first radio message being transmitted in Morse code across the open water to Flat Holm in the Bristol Channel way back in 1897.

Tramping up Fort Road to Lavernock Nature Reserve, the cliff path led them to the ruins of the old World War Two gun site classed as an ancient monument, before they continued to the forward observation and rangefinder post set on the cliff top above St Mary's Well Bay, with its glorious views over the Bristol Channel and towards Sully Island.

Reaching Cosmeston Country Park and passing the medieval village, fields led them into Cogan Wood then on past the lower lake, before an uphill climb through houses led back to their start point via the disused railway line which is now a cycle track.

On October 18, meet at 9.45am at the Barry Waterfront for an eight-mile moderate walk taking in part of the Merthyr Heritage trails; contact Barbara on 01446 794313.

On October 19, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile mod/hard walk to Tor y Foel from Llangynidr; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

How voluntary groups can improve services across Vale of Glamorgan

HOW will services we receive from the local authority in the Vale look in five years' time? A very difficult question to answer, but there is no doubt that a change in how services are delivered will be necessary.

On a weekly basis, I meet with charities and third sector organisations in Barry and the Vale that are providing wonderful services to the most vulnerable in society.

The majority do so on very limited funding and rely on the support of volunteers that make a huge commitment to helping others.

I believe further support of these bodies can allow them to help our local authority maintain, and in many cases improve, services they currently operate.

The list of groups that work in the community is endless; Scouts and Guides provide focus for young people, Age Connect provide care and support to older residents – from nail cutting to friendship groups; cancer charities support families and patients,

Rotary, Lions and Round Table raise thousands for local causes. Atal Y Fro does so much work in protecting vulnerable women – while Vale Ways encourage walks and look after foot paths throughout the area.

The outcomes of their activities stretch much further; bringing people together which prevents loneliness, reduces pressure on social services and the NHS. The benefits are endless.

I also visit local boxing and martial arts clubs that often rely on private fundraising alone but do so much good in the community.

Vale MP **Alun Cairns** reports to GEM readers

The Citizens' Advice Bureau helps people in a range of difficult circumstances and many are well supported by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

All these groups make a huge difference with very little money from the local authority. I strongly believe that we can do more to support these groups and help some of our most vulnerable people.

Why doesn't the council form stronger partnerships with these groups?

I have previously highlighted the poor funding settlement that we receive. When I last calculated the data, Cardiff receive £123 more per person that we do, in Barry and the rest of the Vale.

The Welsh Government has delivered a further reduction of 3.4 per cent on last year. This is a poor settlement and shows that Cardiff Bay is not giving us a fair slice of the cake yet again.

This settlement will require choices to be made, but I would like to encourage the local authority to embrace the collection of small bodies providing services across a large deep seam in the Vale of Glamorgan.

They don't shout about it – but I know what incredible work they do, because I hear their stories.

The people I meet want to help support the council and have real expertise in their field, I am doing what I can to get people together to ensure services can be maintained.

A solution for tougher funding settlements is to use the expertise that exists locally whether that is inside or outside the authority.

Let's push services closer to the users' – not further away through grand restructures. I meet the people every week that want to help, and they can do so much good in the community – if we free them up to do so.

ART SOCIETY DEMO

ON Thursday, October 23, Cowbridge Art Society will welcome nationally-acclaimed artist, demonstrator and author, Fiona Peart, who will demonstrate painting a street scene and figures in watercolour.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm–9pm and visitors and new members are welcome.

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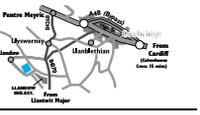

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The staff and pupils of Bryn Hafren welcome parents and children to our Open Week . . .

Our open evening will be held on Thursday 23rd October, 6pm-8pm. There will be a formal welcome by Head Teacher , Mr Tyrone Davies at 6pm after which you will be given a guided tour of the school.

There will be displays of pupils' work in all subject areas and members of staff and pupils will be present to answer your questions. The open mornings on 20th, 21st, 22nd of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

In 2014 the percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at A* to C was 91%. Mr Davies, the Headteacher was delighted by the academic performance of the pupils including an incredible 96% of pupils who gained at least 5 GCSEs A* to G. Many of these successful pupils have now joined our sixth form whilst the others now have a better chance of gaining either employment or a place at college. In 2014 at Key Stage 3 our Y9 pupils achieved the best set of results this school has ever had with all subjects achieving results above the Welsh average for similar schools in Wales.

Curriculum:

Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. The school has recently completed the refurbishment of the Drama and Music departments which includes a larger Drama studio, two newly equipped Music rooms, three practice rooms as well as a music computer room. In addition the Design Technology, Food Technology, Art, Media departments and Learning Resource Centre have also been refurbished and re-equipped. The last 2 years have seen further development of our exciting Hair and Beauty facilities that allow pupils to gain a wide range of vocational qualifications, in superb on site facilities.

The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied ay KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital skills as they move into further education or employment. The provision of extra-curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutor system offers good support and guidance in a caring community. Progress is monitored and individual pupils are encouraged to achieve academic success in a fully inclusive environment. The school works closely with parents via Form Tutor and Parents' Evenings through the year. In addition, the school welcomes individual contact with parents as required.

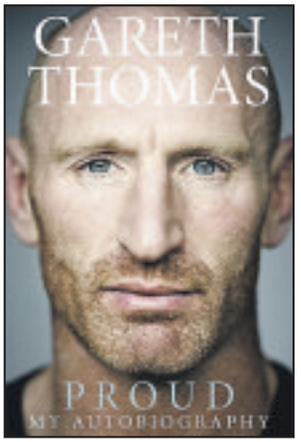
Science – One of the newly refurbished Science Laboratories

ABOVE: Awards ceremony – All pupils are regularly rewarded for good attendance, effort improvement and excellence in lessons.

Residential experiences include language and culture courses as well as outdoor pursuits. Pupils recently visited Disneyland Florida.

ABOVE:
The Performing Arts department produced a highly successful production of 'Annie', with pupils from all year groups involved.

The Learning Resource Centre is available for pupil use before school, break and lunchtimes as well as after school.



In 'Proud My Autobiography' Gareth Thomas tells the story of his life including the inner torment he suffered until he revealed the truth about his sexuality.

Gareth Thomas 'wings' in to book festival

by STELLA CHEESEMAN

The Cowbridge Book Festival is delighted and proud to be hosting Welsh international rugby star and hero to many, Gareth Thomas, who will present his book 'Proud My Biography', at St. Quentin's Suite, at The Bear Hotel, on Thursday, October 30.

He will be in conversation with his co-writer, the highly acclaimed sports writer and journalist Michael Calvin.

Gareth is committed to telling his story and this event, which is sponsored by The Bear Hotel, promises to be a fascinating glimpse into his inspiring and moving autobiography.

He was a national hero, a sporting icon, he had captained Wales and the British Lions – rugby gave him everything, except the freedom to be himself.

His is the story of a man with a secret that was slowly killing him, a secret that might devastate not only his own life but also the lives of his wife, family, friends and teammates.

Gareth's fear that telling the truth about his sexuality would cost him everything he loved almost sent him over the edge.

The deceit ended when Gareth became the world's most prominent athlete to come out as a gay man. His story transcends the world of sport to tell a universal truth about feeling like an outsider, and facing up to who you really are.

He is a dedicated supporter of the charity Childline and frequently visits schools to talk about bullying.

Award winning author Michael Calvin is currently chief sports writer for the Independent on Sunday. His last book, The Nowhere Men, was voted the Sports Book of the Year 2014 at the British Sports Book Awards.

All proceeds from festival events are donated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Research and The Noah's Ark Appeal Children's Hospital of Wales.

Details of all events can be found on the Festival Website *www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk*. Tickets are available online via the Festival Website; or TicketlineUK; or from David Barnes (Dry Cleaners) High St., Cowbridge; or Nicklebys' Book Shop, Pound Field, Llantwit Major. There's still time to buy your tickets for the Chris Bryant MP event for October 24.

Coming soon – Wednesday, November 12, Katie Fforde and local author JoThomas with Lucy Owen.

ALL WALES AWARD FOR LOCAL BUILDER

STEVE JAMES of SJ Builders in the Vale won the Best Craftsmanship award at the Regional All Wales Building Excellence Awards 2014 held in the Millenium Centre.

LEFT: Steve James of S. J. Builders being presented the award by Paul Everill CBE, chief executive LABC.

Builders from across the country compete for a chance to win at the National Building Excellence Awards, being held in London next month, which SJ Builders will be involved.

Marcus Goldsworthy, manager of the building and development control team in the Vale said: "I am extremely pleased that the Vale of Glamorgan can have such a strong showing at the National Building awards and it highlights both the quality and type of projects being undertaken in the Vale can challenge the best from the rest of England and Wales.

"It is testament to the quality of the project, agents, builders and the Council's building control team that the Vale of Glamorgan, with SJ Builder's have won such a prestigious award."

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, said: "It is wonderful to see a small business, and in particular the Vale of Glamorgan, competing with schemes nationally. I am extremely pleased for all those involved and I think it shows that the Vale is a place where you can really do business.

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Patagonia bound... All for Velindre!

BBC weatherman Derek Brockway has signed up to trek Patagonia in 2015 to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

To kick off his fundraising, he will be leading an eight-mile walk on Sunday, November 30, from his home town of Barry, through the old docks along the coast to the most southerly point on mainland Wales, Rhoose Point.

It will take in sandy beaches, an old watch tower, an Iron Age settlement and many of the places featured in the hit TV series *Gavin and Stacey*.

Derek said: "Velindre is a wonderful charity and helps so many people, including a few of my friends, family and work colleagues, providing vital treatment, care and support. The number of people suffering from cancer is on the increase; none of us know what's around the corner and I want to do my bit to help.

"I am fascinated by Patagonia, its history and its connection with Wales and as a keen walker, I've always wanted to visit this special part of the world. Plus while I am there I will have the opportunity to practice my Welsh, say *shwmae* and *hwyl am y tro!*

"I am really looking forward to following in the footsteps of the first Welsh settlers 150 years ago. The trek is going to be a challenge and I will need to get fitter over the next 12 months but more importantly I hope to raise loads of money for Velindre, so it can continue to help people in the future – and with more research, hopefully find a cure for cancer. My walk on November 30 will be the start of my fitness regime and I hope lots of people sign up and join me."

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Confiscated illegal fishing gear is put to good use!

FISHING tackle confiscated from illegal anglers, is being given a new lease of life – after being donated to the Bridgend and District Fishing for the Disabled Association by Natural Resources Wales.

ABOVE: Fisheries enforcement officer Paul Frodsham donates equipment to club secretary Byron Morgan.

It is now being put to good use by the Association, which offers adults and children with disabilities a safe environment to learn to fish with specialist instructors.

For Natural Resources Wales, it's a small triumph in the battle against illegal fishing. Paul Frodsham, Fisheries Enforcement Officer from Natural Resources Wales explained: "We regulate fishing so that so that the sport which is loved by so many can remain sustainable and can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

"However, there are still those who think they can flout the rules and fish without a licence – and it's these people who are jeopardising the sport for everyone. While the fight against illegal fishing continues, it's been great that we've been able to give something back to the community and donate the equipment to a worthy cause.

"The great thing about fishing is that it's a sport for life, which can be enjoyed by everyone. We hope that the many visitors to the club will enjoy the opportunity to learn a new skill, while at the same time meeting new people and getting out and about in our wonderful environment."

Ralph Merchant, Chairman of the Bridgend and District Fishing for the Disabled Association said: "We're often short of equipment, so the donation has been very helpful and we are looking forward to putting the equipment to good use. We help adults and children with a range of disabilities by teaching them how to cast a line, reel it in and net fish. Some will learn new skills and others will just enjoy a day out – the main thing is that they get to enjoy the experience of fishing."

In its first year of operation, Natural Resources Wales caught 139 individuals committing a variety of offences, ranging from not having a rod licence to illegal netting and foul hooking.

This resulted in successful prosecutions in all but three cases and total fines of £18,468 plus the confiscation of tackle and equipment.

People can report suspected illegal fishing to the Natural Resources Wales 24-hour incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

The Bridgend and District Fishing for the Disabled Association provides angling opportunities for over 180 disabled children and adults each year.

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Polyphonic choir's 50th anniversary

CARDIFF Polyphonic Choir will complete its 50th anniversary year with two major concerts.

On Saturday, November 15 at 7pm in The Dora Stoutzker Hall at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama it will give a first performance of two pieces written for the choir by renowned Welsh composer Huw Watkins – Charm Me Asleep and Slow, Slow, Fresh Fount – settings of poems by Robert Herrick.

On Sunday, December 14 at 5pm the choir returns to St David's Hall to give the Christmas performance of Handel's *Messiah* (www.cardiffpolyphonic.org.uk/messiah.htm).

Soloists are Rebecca Evans (one of the choir's two patrons); and tenor, Trystan Llyr Griffiths.

The photograph (above) was taken in the 1960s. The choir is offering two of the best seats in the house for its performance of Messiah in St David's Hall to whoever correctly identifies the highest number of those in the photograph and its location.

Details of how to take part are on www.cardiffpolyphonic.org.uk/anniversary%20concert.htm.

Bridgend vicar joins Llandaff Cathedral 'team'

REV Michael Komor, who is to become a member of Llandaff Cathedral Chapter, has been Rector of Coity, Nolton and Brackla since 2005.

In July, the Benefice was expanded to include the new parish of Coychurch. He has represented the Diocese on the Church in Wales' Electoral College since 2007, was Area Dean of Bridgend between 2004 and 2010 and Vicar of Ewenny and St Brides from 2000 to 2005.

He was ordained in 1986 – serving curacies in Mountain Ash and Llantwit Major before spending nine years as Team Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major.

The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan said: "Michael Komor has served all his ministry in the Llandaff Diocese. He is highly regarded by his colleagues and has been responsible for training many curates".

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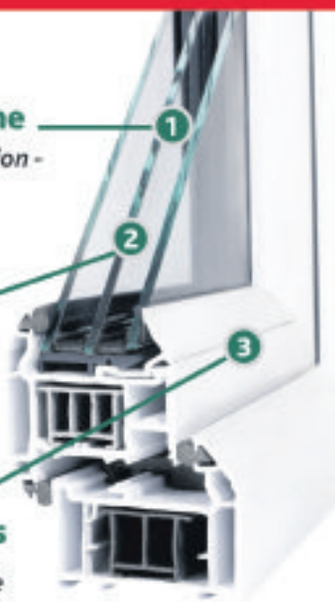

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Art Central talk

ART Central friends are holding an autumn talk on all things sculptural at Art Central Gallery, Kings Square, Barry this Saturday (October 18) at 11am.

"Please come along and meet the artists, see their work and learn what inspires them. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome", a spokeswoman urged.

Poppy Appeal concert

THE Dinas Powys Royal British legion branch is holding its annual concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal on Saturday (October 18) at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys at 7.30am. Tickets available at the door.

Festive Lights

THERE will be a meeting of the St Athan Christmas Lights Association on October 19 at 2pm in the Three Horseshoes, St Athan, for anyone interested in assisting with the Christmas Lights event in St Athan on Sunday November 30. ***Further details from the event co-ordinator, Alan Bourne, on 0776 9977 207.***

Wick Sale

WICK Youth Club is holding a table top sale on October 19 in Wick Village Hall (10am - 12 noon).

To book a table, call Carol on 01656 890124.

Lunchtime music

I WOULD like to alert the music lovers of Penarth to the fact that All Saints Church in Victoria Square is once again putting on a series of its popular 'Music at Lunchtime' recitals starting on Monday, October 20 between 1pm-2pm.

Those who have attended these lunchtime concerts in the past will know that they are extremely enjoyable and convivial events held on a very informal basis. Those who haven't been before should come along and see what they think.

Concert go-ers are invited to bring their lunch along and sit upstairs in the gallery, where teas and coffees are served.

There will be six weekly concerts in all, providing a feast of musical entertainment of all kinds – vocal, string, wind, organ, guitar, piano – every Monday between October 20 and November 24. To know more, go the church website www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk; email admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk or ring 029 2070 31 70. Entry is free because all the artists are performing free of charge. Donations, however, will be gratefully accepted. *Dafydd Jones*

Rural surgery

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's rural housing team's mobile advice surgery will be in the Waitrose car park at Cowbridge on October 20 between 9.30am and 4pm; and in Rhoose (opposite the district social club) between 12.30pm and 4pm.

"Residents will be able to sit down with their local rural housing enabler for an informal chat, and ask for any information or support surrounding housing issues in the rural Vale," a spokesperson said.

For further information, call the Rural Housing team on 01446 709 476, or email housingstrategy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Valeways walks

ON October 21 at 9.30am, Awn am Dro, meet outside Cowbridge Library.

On October 22 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet outside Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On October 23 at 10.30am, 'Views and Garden' starting at Southerndown lower car park.

Hand booksale

ON Saturday, October 25 (10.30am-3.30pm) at the Scout Hall behind the Sheep Market, Cowbridge; adult books, fiction and non-fiction children's books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, entry free. ***All proceeds to Scout funds***.

Society AGM

ALL members are asked to attlend the annual general meeting of the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society on Wednesday, October 29 in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm.

Children's Society fayre

THE Children's Society's autumn fayre will be held in The Paget Rooms, Penarth on Saturday, October 25 from 10am-12noon.

Stalls include homemade cakes/preserves, plants/bulbs, autumn stall/Christmas cards, books, lucky parcels; plus raffle.

Admission £1, including coffee/tea/biscuits; children admitted free. Call 029 2070 3547 for further information.

Carvery demo

THE Bridgend and Porthcawl Fundraising Group for Marie Curie is holding a Carvery and Fruitydelicious demonstration on Thursday, November 20 at Fairways Hotel Porthcawl.

This is a ticketed event only and tickets costing £15 are available from Seren Fach Café, Wells Street, Porthcawl or by telephoning 01656 660391. The evening will start at 7.30pm.

WELLY WEEK IS BACK!

THIS half term is jam-packed with activities to entertain your kids all week at Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale.

It is bringing back its annual Welly Week this October half-term. Grab your brightest and most colourful wellies to explore the grounds. There will be 10 multi-coloured wellies hidden all over the gardens and house; if you can find them all, including the mysterious golden welly, you will be in with winning an exciting prize.

Make it Mondays and 50 things Wednesdays are back too, with making autumn leaf crowns on Monday and building your own bird box on Wednesday between 12 and 3pm.

Squelch your way through the muddy arboretum trail and see the gorgeous colours of autumn. Collect conkers to battle your friends and spot squirrels foraging for nuts ready for winter.

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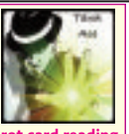

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Grant does what he does best in The Rewrite

HUGH GRANT has been more notable in recent years for his attempts to regulate the press than for his acting roles; however, the English 'king of the rom-com' has been seen onscreen in the likes of *Cloud Atlas* and heard onscreen in enjoyable animated romp *The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!*

Grant is now returning to arguably his forte in *The Rewrite*. Re-teaming for the fourth time with writer/director Marc Lawrence (the romantic comedy genre's version of Scorsese and DeNiro, or DiCaprio),

Grant plays Keith Michaels, an Oscar-winning writer who finds his career in a slump. In order to pay the bills, he begrudgingly goes to work at a college, teaching screenwriting; but amidst the drudgery of work, and his attempts to reignite his writing fire, there may be light at the end of the tunnel in the shape of Holly (Marisa Tomei), a single mother taking classes there...

If you've seen any of the films Hugh John Mungo Grant (yes, that is his real name) has made with Marc Lawrence, then you'll have a pretty fair idea of what to expect from *The Rewrite*.

Grant has made his name (and attracted a fair amount of critical ire) from these romantic comedies, his particular brand of bumbling English-ness informing the material, and so it goes here.

Ironically, given its title, The Rewrite seems to borrow from previous Grant/Lawrence joints – you have the stand-offish slightly self-satisfied cad from *Two Weeks' Notice,* a cad who is creative (swap the songwriter of *Music and Lyrics* for screenwriter here) and who learns to better himself and find peace within – thanks to burgeoning love with the romantic interest (both … *Notice* and … Lyrics).

Throw in some fish-out-of-water shenanigans (also seen in *Did You Hear About The Morgans*) and *The Rewrite* seems to be rewritten from the pair's back catalogue.

Yet despite the lack of originality, the slightly cliched storytelling and the predictable plot points, *The Rewrite* does have a certain degree of charm, both in terms of its performances and the seen-it-all before narrative, and is amusing enough to help pass 106 minutes of your life.

Lawrence seems happy to mine Grant's own comedic stylings to deliver the laughs here, and while, predictably, these hang heavily on his furrowed brow, range of facial expressions and withering comments, it's not all that hellish to watch him run through his usual routine.

Whether its down to Grant's absence from the big screen making the heart grow fonder (and if you find his acting in any way a negative then avoid at all costs), or just that he can execute this material seemingly in his sleep, there's something enjoyable watching him go through the motions – even though we know exactly where we are going to end up; Grant is doing what he does best, and, to be fair, it works.

Lawrence assembles a seasoned cast to back up Grant, with the irrepressibly perky Marisa Tomei providing both a love interest and a positive counterpoint to Grant's character's slightly soured world view, while the likes of Chris Elliott, Bella Heathcoate and the always-watchable pair of Alison Janney and JK Simmons provide decent support.

Lawrence directs the film with a pleasing verve, and his script, while adhering to the rules of romantic comedy, has more than a few digs at the state of Hollywood at present.

While its core message of learning to trust your own voice and being true to yourself feels a little simplistic, it fits within the film, which itself is hardly edgy or strikingly daring.

You can consider that the film's real shortcoming; that it doesn't take a different tack to what you expect, that, to use an advertising slogan, it does exactly what it says on the tin; while that may be a criticism, if the thought of watching Hugh Grant gad about in an inoffensive, faintly amusing comedy sounds appealing, then you'll have no truck with *The Rewrite*.

VERDICT: A pleasingly slight return to the big screen for Hugh Grant and his own particular brand of comedy,

The Rewrite lacks originality but charms thanks to the efforts of its cast. Grant-haters will only find ammunition in Marc Lawrence's film, but anyone else will be reasonably entertained by its efforts. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Two Weeks' Notice* (2003), *Music and Lyrics* (2007).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Out of Africa – Bedwas bus is on the way home!

THE Barry-based Cardiff Transport Preservation Group has successfully raised £20,000 to bring a bus built in 1951 back to Wales from a museum in South Africa.

The bus, Bedwas & Machen 7 as seen in Caerphilly in 1979. (Photograph by Geoff Lumb.)

Mike Taylor, chairman of the heritage vehicle collection at The Bus Depot, Barry explained: "At the moment, the former 63-year-old Bedwas & Machen UDC bus, an AEC Regal III, is in the Sandstone Heritage Trust museum in the Orange State in central South Africa.

"The bus has special significance, as it was the last single deck bus built by the Bruce Coach Works in Cardiff, at the former Pengam Airport, back in 1951.

"The bus, a single decker with half cab layout and 35 seats was one of two that were bought by the South East Wales municipality Bedwas & Machen Urban District Council, number 6 and 7. Bus No 7 was bought by an enthusiast but his job took him to South Africa, and he took this bus with him. While in South Africa it was kept at and subsequently sold to the Sandstone Heritage Trust, and they have agreed to let us have it back here in Wales," Mr Taylor added.

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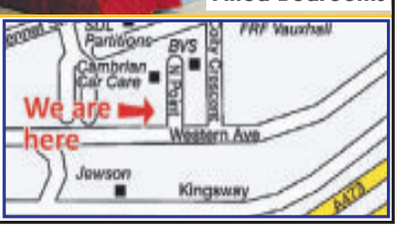

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Councils call on public to 'have their say' over where the cuts will fall

CUTS to the budgets of Welsh local authorities have meant that both Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the Vale Council have invited residents to "have their say" on where cuts should be made.

Last week, when the Welsh Government (WG) released details of this year's budget, the scale of the reduction in budget to local authorities became clear.

The Welsh Government insisted that the cuts were due to the cuts made by the Westminster coalition government.

The WG Public Services Minister, Leighton Andrews said that Welsh councils were getting, on average, 3.4 per cent less that last year in real terms.

He said "The settlement is challenging but is a consequence of the large scale budget reductions being imposed by the UK Government: "The Welsh Government's budget for 2015-16 will be around 10 per cent lower in real terms compared with 2010-11.

"However, unlike England, we have protected local authorities in Wales from the bulk of these cuts over the past five years. Spending on local services in England has decreased by around seven per cent in cash terms, while in Wales it has increased by three per cent.

"I am providing an additional £10 million in recognition of the importance of strong local social services to the long-term success of the health service in Wales and will continue to protect schools funding, in line with our commitment to provide an increase in resources at one per cent above the overall change in the Welsh Budget."

It means that WG cash to the Vale Council will fall from £157.889 million in 2014/15 to £152.507 million in 2015/15 – a fall of £5,382,000.BCBC receives more cash from the WG, and its 2014/15 grant of £195.160 million will fall to £188.543 million – a shortfall of £6,567,000.

The Vale Council reacted by asking residents to play a role in reshaping services across the county by sharing their views on which services they value the most.

The council says that it will need to find savings of £32 million over the next three years. Its 'Reshaping Services Strategy' is an attempt to gain a degree of consensus on where those cuts should fall.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "The budget survey has been designed to measure how highly Vale residents value the services that they use.

The responses we receive will help us tackle the big challenges that the Council has to face."

The budget survey, as well as more detailed information about the Vale Council's budget, is available on at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/budget. Hard copies are available on request by calling 01446 700111. The consultation will close on 31 October.

BCBC's public consultation will run until November 17. It is designed to give residents an opportunity to make their own alternative suggestions while answering a series of structured questions.

A BCBC spokesman said: "The consultation will incorporate a number of community workshops and an easy-to-use 'budget simulator' tool.

"This will enable people to demonstrate how they would go about spending the council's £255m budget, determine which services need to be prioritised and identify a savings target of £12.4m for the year."

Council Leader Mel Nott said: "This is an extremely difficult time for local government. Councils across Wales are facing unprecedented challenges in the face of reduced Government funding and increased demands on essential services.

"There are going to be some aspects of council services that the authority may no longer be able to provide, and finding different ways to meet the future needs of individuals, families and communities is not always going to be popular.

"But this is the harsh reality of the situation that we now face, and it's why we want local people to take part in this consultation, and help inform the difficult decisions that will need to be taken."

BCBC chief executive Darren Mepham added: "Setting a multi-million pound budget is not an easy task, so we'll be using a budget simulator in both the formal consultation and at community workshops to give people a better idea of what the process entails and to enrich the quality of their feedback."

People can take part in the BCBC 2015-16 budget consultation by visiting the consultation pages at the council's website - www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation - or attending one of the following community engagement workshops (email consultation@bridgend.gov.uk to arrange your place):

Wednesday, October 29: Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, 6pm.

Monday, November 3: Maesteg Comprehensive, 6pm

Tuesday, November 4: Pencoed Comprehensive, 6pm.

Wednesday, November 5: Bridgend College, 6pm.

Tuesday, November 11: Cynffig Comprehensive, 6pm.

PHILIP IRWIN

Conservatives attack Welsh Labour over cutbacks to Vale Council

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Leader of the Conservatives in the Vale Council – Coun John Thomas – has criticised the Welsh Labour Government for imposing "swingeing" cuts on the council.

He also urged residents to have their say on a Vale Council-sponsored survey, or face losing key services.

He said: "The Welsh Government has slashed funding to the Vale Council by millions of pounds which will have a profound impact on the services, that matter to residents.

"It is vital that people have their say because there is little doubt that these swingeing cuts will pose significant challenges here in the Vale.

"The Welsh Government continues to waste money on pet projects like Cardiff Airport, office refurbishments and the T9. All money which could be better spent."

It was unsurprising, perhaps, that his statement contained no mention of cuts imposed by the Conservative and Lib Dem coalition Government.

More surprising was the response from Plaid Cymru, who passed up the chance to criticise the Lib-Dems or the Conservatives.

Coun Ian Johnson, who represents a Barry ward on the Vale Council, also concentrated his fire on the Welsh Labour Government.

He said: "Plaid Cymru is deeply concerned at the cuts that Welsh Government want the Vale Council to make.

"Welsh Government funding is three-quarters of the council's total budget and they are planning on making a £5.5m cut.

"Plaid Cymru is worried that we will see cutbacks in the most obvious visible services – rubbish collection, street-lighting, grass-cutting and we have already seen proposals for cuts in libraries."

He added: "These cuts are being made because Westminster does not properly fund Wales according to need, and the decision to put the City of London ahead of public services in Wales."

Chance to learn all about children's rights

YOUNG people across the Vale will have a chance to join a new project called Rights Ambassadors, which highlights children's rights.

Participants will create and deliver workshops to children, young people and professionals throughout the Vale.

The scheme is being run by the Vale Council's youth service and funded by the Vale Children and Young People's Partnership.

Three introductory evenings will provide young people with full details about the project: October 21 at West House, Penarth from 5.30pm; October 22 at YMCA Hub, Barry from 4.30pm; and October 23 at Llantwit Youth Centre, Llantwit Major from 5.30pm.

Telephone 029 2070 1254, or email thepoint@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

END OF THE LINE FOR THE LOCAL RAILWAY SEMAPHORE SIGNALS

by BRIAN MILLS

RAIL commuters may have noticed that railway semaphore signals have recently disappeared from the Vale of Glamorgan Line and Barry area and replaced by colour-light signals.

The last four at Barry were removed on June 28-29. In fact, there are only a few semaphore signals still in service on the Western Region, except where regional territory has been changed, for instance at Shrewsbury and Worcester.

This is attributed to the need to bring signalling up to state-of-the-art format. The aim is to control the whole of Wales' rail traffic from the recently installed £4.3m Wales central control centre at Canton, which is to tie in with station modernisation, track remodelling and better line capacity.

For some signal enthusiasts, sadly, the semaphore arms which gave a splash of colour to an otherwise drab railway scene of brown track versus lineside foliage, have succumbed to grey masts with single multi-aspect LED signals at their head, some with a 'feather' to signal a path to diversion of track at junctions.

Another of the two former Barry Railway signal boxes has also been closed and is likely to be demolished now that it no longer has any control function and its 'partner' at Aberthaw was closed in 2013 after the new colour-light signalling of the Vale line to Bridgend was commissioned.

Since the end of World War Two, I have been an ardent fan of former GWR semaphore signalling and that of its successors, British Railways and Network Rail. At the age of 10, my Sunday school teacher, Reg. Farmer, introduced me to his signal box at Cadoxton South Junction, then at pre-nationalisation, and my profound interest in signalling was born.

I became voluntarily involved in 'working' ten signal boxes in the Glamorgan area from 1957, starting at Rhoose and through to other signal boxes until 1968 and as a part-time vocation. I was able to absorb the technicalities of mechanical railway signalling and accrued sufficient knowledge to eventually present slide presentations to railway staff and heritage railway members.

One of the pre-Beeching branch closures that suffered locally was the Barry-Pontypridd line via Wenvoe. Apparently, after removal of the lineside telegraph poles, one pole was overlooked and for a while stood forlornly at the top of the bank above Wenvoe tunnel bore near Rhiwau crossing.

After 1963, the line to Caerphilly from Tynycaeau Junction on the Wenvoe line saw its last through coal traffic to Barry from the Rhymney valley via the Penrhos branch. When the branch closed, coal to Barry docks and Aberthaw power station had to be routed via the Caerphilly tunnel.

The line to the Dolomite establishment at Taffs Well gorge was finally worked as a long siding from Penrhos Junction (Caerphilly) end and that too succumbed along with the removal of the very impressive Taffs Well viaduct. The Llantrisant-Cowbridge line in its final years was worked as a long siding and the little semaphore signalling involved, was removed from the branch.

I felt it would be rewarding to put some of my knowledge together in book form. It has culminated in a 250-page book with over 130 colour photographs with signal assembly drawings, wiring diagrams and associated data – all written in the simplest form and showing the development of Brunel's GWR disc and crossbar signalling system of 1849, through to British Railways Western Region semaphore signalling remnants as at 2014.

My 49 years association with the Permanent Way Institution has taken up the task of publishing my book which is entitled, 'Western Region Semaphore Signalling in the 1960s and Thereafter'. Some 3,700 of my photographic records taken from 1958 are now included in Philip Toogood's TRACKBED.Com website.

OBITUARY: Mrs Eira Evans

Oldest stalwart of 6th Barry Scout Group dies aged 97

RIGHT: Mrs Evans, as her Scouts will remember her.

MRS Eira Evans, who has died aged 97, was the last leader of the 6th Barry BP Scout Troop, reconvened in 1933, after the troop had been closed during the First World War.

It was in 1936 that Miss Eira Powell became an assistant cub mistress, and her Jungle Book name was Kaa.

Jack Evans was running the Cub Pack, as well as the Scout Troop at the time, but still had time for love to flourish.

With the outbreak of war, Jack joined the Royal Navy and The Scout troop shut down due to lack of a leader,

However, Eira continued to run the Cub pack at their weekly meetings in the Park Crescent Mission Hall, assisted byWinnie James.

In 1944, Jack and Eira were married when they moved to Glasgow, where he was based. After the 2nd World War, they returned to Barry, where they re-established the Troop.

When the family (John and Julie) came along, Eira relinquished her role as Cub mistress, but her support for Jack, who was Group Scout Master, helped to make it one of the most successful groups in the country.

She and the family spent many years after the war running the two- week summer camps, which many of the old Scouts fondly remember.

Jack became the Rev Jack Evans in 1965, serving the community of Barry and Barry Island with the ever- faithful support of Eira, up to his death in 2003.

She has been living in Bristol for the last 10 years close to her daughter.

The funeral will be held at All Saints Church, Barry, on Monday (October 20) at 2pm.

LIB DEM ADVICE

ELUNED PARROTT, Lib Dem AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery at Tesco Superstore, Terra Nova Way, Penarth, CF64 1SA, between 1pm and 2pm on October 17.

Residents who have any issues of concern to them or their local community, are encouraged to go along – no appointment is necessary.

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WELSH MINER'S LAMP SHINES LIGHT ON WAR HEROES' SACRIFICE

ON September 19, Group 617 from Penarth Pavilion and members of the Barry RAF Association attended a service in Steenbergen, Holland, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Mosquito plane crash that cost the lives of Guy Gibson VC and his navigator James Warwick.

Air cadets from 372 (Barry) and 1148 (Penarth) Air Training Corps Squadrons laid wreaths on the graves to mark the occasion.

Wing Commander Guy Gibson won the Victoria Cross for his part in leading the famous raid on the Dams. Mike Gibson, a nephew of Guy, was present to lay his own wreath on his uncle's grave.

A service of remembrance was conducted by dignitaries of the town, which brought many Dutch people together to remember his life and the ultimate price he paid on a Pathfinder mission, where he lost his life.

The graves of Guy Gibson and James Warwick had been faithfully tended over the years and the family responsible for that selfless task thanked for their dedication.

A Welsh miner's lamp was presented to the family, for keeping the light burning over the intervening years, by Group 617 chairman, Mr Russ Kitely.

RAF Association standards from the region, Barry and Penarth were dipped in respect, as the Last Post sounded at the grave site.

Cadet Sgt Jake Paterson said after the wreath laying, that it had "left a wonderful memory of the day" and brought home the part Guy Gibson played in the Dambuster Raid, which he hoped to take with him when he joined the RAF as an officer.

GEOFF HORTON
(Chairman and Hon Welfare Officer, Barry RAF Association)

The wreath laying ceremony at Steenbergen Cemetery.

ABOVE: The Chinese visitors, Joe Zhu, Zhang Sheng and Wang Ling with Mary Husted and Jane Hutt AM at the Senedd.

Three Chinese, an artist, and an AM link up at Assembly

VALE artist Mary Husted and three special visitors from China were met at the Senedd building in Cardiff Bay by Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale.

Mary Husted is the initiating curator of the Open Books exhibition. The idea for the exhibition came from her time in Hong Kong and her fascination with folding and expanding books which artists use there.

In collaboration with other artists from Wales, Hong Kong and Australia, the Open Books exhibition opened in 2012 at the National Library of Wales. Since then the exhibition has toured China and Australia.

The AM opened the exhibition when it came to Cardiff Bay in 2013 and was 'delighted' to meet Mary and her guests last week to discuss how this successful project has grown, with plans to take it on further tours home and abroad.

The Chinese visitors were: Joe Zhu, senior art journalist at City Express, Hangzhou, Zhang Sheng, General Manager, DK Creative Culture, Hangzhou and Wang Ling, General Manager, Tea Culture Institute, Hangzhou.

'We will say this only once..!'

THE Dinas Powys Players are now well into rehearsals for their autumn production.

*A cast of young, old and new members has been assembled for the stage version of **'Allo, 'Allo,'** the highly successful TV comedy series by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft which follows the adventures of Rene, the hapless cafe owner and his wife Edith in war torn France.*

The players are confident that their audiences will have an evening of fun and laughter when the show, directed by Eileen Carryer, is presented at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 13, 14 and 15.

For tickets, telephone 02920 512868 or 02921 406168. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm.

Oz executives on fact-finding trip

CHIEF executives from Australia visited Newydd Housing Association on Friday October 10, to take ideas back Down Under.

All three from housing associations in New South Wales, visited the former Barry Magistrates Court housing development and Thompson Street estate in Barry, where they met contractors and spoke to tenants.

Maree McKenzie from Tamworth, Karen Andrew Orange) and Geoff Mann; (Deliniquin), also studied Newydd's in-house maintenance service, tenant involvement activities and plans for new developments.

THE GREAT WAR'S UNSEEN ARCHIVES

THE Great War – Unseen Archives, published by Atlantic Publishing and compiled by Robert Hamilton costs £40, and is worth every penny.

This authoritative volume illuminates a momentous period in world history whose ability to prompt impassioned debate and divide opinon continues undimished. The author's account stands out among many others published, thanks to the sheer volume and quality of contemporary material presented-often in facsimile.

The comprehensive narrative includes: More than 1,000 photographs many of them unseen; Over 600 facsimile newspaper cuttings of headlines, articles, photographs and battle plans; a day-by-day chronology and specially drawn maps showing the theatres of war from today's perspective.

It is presented in chapters, year by year,each commencing with an overview of the forthcoming year, including an authoritative account by historian Robert Hamilton.

The major figures such as Haig, Foch, Pershing, Kitchener, Lloyd George, King George V, Hindenburg and Ludenorff naturally take centre stage.

However, the cast list in this human tragedy extends far beyond the senior commanders, to include portraits of well-known characters such as T E Lawrence, Edith Cavell and the Red Baron.

BRIAN LEE

Age Connect drop-in

AGE CONNECT Cardiff and Vale is holding a drop-in information session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 12 from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be information about the NHS breast, bowel and abdominal aortic aneurysm screening programmes and is an opportunity to ask questions and discuss screening, collect leaflets and screening, merchandise.

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AWARDS CELEBRATE THIRD YEAR OF SUCCESS FOR CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE STUDENTS

CARDIFF and Vale College recently took over the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay for its third annual awards evening.

The event attracted nearly 400 people including local business, education providers and the community and 18 students, plus the college's partner organisations, were recognised for their contribution to college life.

The evening began with music from a jazz trio – and art and design, automotive engineering and hairdressing students gave demonstrations of their work. The awards ceremony was hosted by CAVC alumni and BBC Wales presenter Jason Mohammad.

This year also saw a special gift for guests; wooden coasters made by Timber Thinkers. Set up and run by CAVC Carpentry students.

Cardiff and Vale College Principal and Chief Executive Mike James said: "The annual awards are a great reminder of the impact learning has and the opportunities it can create. It also reminds me what a privilege it is to be working in our exciting college."

Winners included Eurofoods founder Shelim Hussain MBE, who won the college's Alumni award. Shelim, who established his first business while studying at the college, said he was both surprised and honoured to receive the award.

Luke Mayor, a 20-year-old electrical apprentice from Dinas Powys, won the Principal's Award for best reflecting the college's values through achievement, attitude and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Luke started off at CAVC on a school link taster course before progressing on to the full-time engineering programme, 'pathways to apprenticeship' course then an apprenticeship with employment at Scenic Services in Newport.

During his time at college, Luke has won the Welsh regional heats to Welsh final of the WorldSkills competition, and will represent the college at the UK WorldSkills finals next month. He has also won Welsh regional heat of Sparks UK's Apprentice of the Year in 2014, before going on to win Sparks UK National Apprentice of the Year.

Luke admitted that he had to be "pushed" when he first came to CAVC, but added that his tutor Geoff Shaw was an inspiration. "If it wasn't for a tutor like Geoff that can encourage a student and see their potential, then all of this would never have happened," he explained.

Another winner was 37-year-old Bismwa Gwom from Cardiff. Bismwa helped set up, and now manages, a pop-up hair and beauty salon in Ely.

Nineteen-year-old Cameron Patterson from Barry won the A Levels award. Cameron moved to Barry from China and is a fluent Mandarin speaker who helped out with the college's Chinese winter and summer schools, and when teachers from other institutions came to visit. He gained excellent GCSE and A Level results at the college and has now progressed to university.

The Creative Industries Award went to Craig Morris (36) from Cardiff. The foundation degree film student was heavily involved in the college's learning company, 'The Film Cohort', making corporate videos for Coca Cola, the Wales Millennium Centre, Literature Wales and others.

Winners of CAVC's 2014 annual awards, including Luke Mayor, who won the Principal's Award, with Principal and Chief Executive Mike James.

Angel Romaeo, a 17-year-old Level 2 Sport student from Cardiff, adds the CAVC Sport and Public Services Award to the bronze medal she won for artistic gymnastics earlier this year at the Commonwealth Games.

Angel combined studying and her gym work, arriving early and taking extra classes to ensure she was ahead of her studies.

The college's entrepreneurship award went to Emma Nicolaou. The 29-year-old beauty therapy student from Barry led a team that won the UK-wide enterprise competition Market Maker 2013 with Chameleon Nails, a bespoke nail colouring service. Emma is now self-employed, running a salon on Barry High Street.

She said: "I'm very excited that I've won an award and I'm amazed by everything the college has put on for us this evening. I've very happy to have won.

"Since leaving college after my course, I set up my own business. It's now in its second week of trading. My business is in the High Street of Barry catering to ladies and gentlemen, offering all different types of beauty treatments to people in the Vale of Glamorgan."

College partner organisations UnLtd, Wales & West Utilities and Lloyds Bank were also celebrated for their innovative approach to work-based learning and efforts on behalf of the college in funding student business start-ups and supporting the CAVC Skills Academy.

Full list of winners: Cameron Patterson, A-levels; Sam Bennett, Aeronautical; Bismwa Gwom, Beauty, Hair and Holistic Therapies; Matt Hanock, Built Environment; Arron Davies, Business and IT; Craig Morris, Creative Industries; Carla Kondera, Education and Training; Mohammad Daemi, Engineering and Environment; Sion Charles, Foundation Studies; Caroline Read, Health, Social Care and Children's Care; Angel Romaeo, Sport and Public Services; Harrison Jankovic, Transport Services; Sean Harrison, Travel, Tourism and Hospitality; Mary Mort, Adult and Community; Amilee Louise Deeley, Apprenticeship; Emma Nicolauo, Entrepreneurship; Peter Griffiths, Higher Education; Gareth Evans, School Link; UnLtd, Business and Partner; Wales & West Utilities, Business and Partner; Lloyds Bank, Business and Partner; Shelim Hussain MBE, Alumni; Luke Mayor, Principal's Award.

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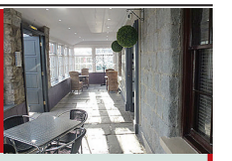

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PAG is a not for profit company run by volunteers. The main hall was transformed by black chair covers, white bows and silver table decorations, as well as a starry sky stage background provided by Chair Covers & Bows, Coed Cae Lane, Pontyclun.

Tickets were sold out days in advance and many who came at the last minute were disappointed. At £10 for an evening of fashion, entertainment and wine, with a selection of high quality cheeses, they were a bargain. Many local people and friends from further afield filled up the hall.

Mr Chris Bolton was the compere for the evening and a number of local businesses were involved.

All the shops had model volunteers dressed in the latest fashions from bridal wear, mother of the bride and groom, casual wear and a trip down memory lane.

There was entertainment by the Shehrazat Belly dancers, Ella Morgan's cheerleaders, local vocalist Lucie-Anne Davies and for the finale Kerry Sanson had everyone on the dance floor rocking a bit of Zumba.

Local girl Sally Davies was the overall organiser on behalf of PAG and worked tirelessly for several months to bring everything together on this special evening.

Thanks also to everyone at PAG and their families (Ken, Mair, Brendan, Darren, Tom, Cecil, Lydia, Tom and Alexia) for bringing another popular event to the local community in Pontyclun.

All the money raised from the event will go to local good causes. This includes our local schools, who have already benefited from donations this year.

If you are involved in a local group or charity and are interested in receiving funds for a specific purpose or activity, please get in touch with the PAG as soon as possible. Details of beneficiaries will be posted on the PAG website (pontyclunactiongroup.webs.com).

Now everyone in Pontyclun is looking forward to the turning on of our Christmas tree and lights on December 2, our Christmas fayre with a Santa fun run and Santa procession and the St David's Day food fayre in February.

ALEXIA MEI

Baruc Art group hold 40th annual exhibition

(Left to right): Marilyn Morgan (treasurer); Irene Lewis (secretary); Coun Jeff Evans, Jane Hutt AM, John Thomas (chairman).
PHOTOGRAPH by DAVID ALEXANDER

BARUC Art Group held its 40th exhibition at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry on October 10-11.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Jeff Evans and Jane Hutt AM were present at the anniversary celebrations along with members and friends, who were impressed by the quality and variety of the art work.

TWO VOLUNTEER GROUPS HOLD MEETINGS PRIOR TO MERGER

A SERIES of events signified the final AGMs for both Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS) and the Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) before the two organisations merge next April to form a new charity.

Rachel Connor, executive director (VCVS) and Alison Steere, director (VVB) reviewed the year 2013/2014 for their respective organisations, and the keynote speaker was Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She commented: "I was delighted to speak at this special AGM, which celebrated the achievements of both VCVS and VVB. Their dedicated service to the Third Sector and communities in the Vale since 1997 has been considerable.

"Being innovative and responding to new needs has been the hallmark of both organisations. I very much look forward to working with the new organisation when VCVS and VVB join forces next year."

The event concluded with inspiring real life stories from volunteers Keith Crabtree and Morgan Rogers; to view Morgan's story, readers can visit: http://bit.ly/1rqD2Mp

There was also a cheque presentation, courtesy of the Dish out Dosh Panel's youth-led grant scheme for grant recipients, who have been successful with youth interest projects and 11 people received their volunteer star awards – with four volunteers receiving Agored Cymru awards in 'Volunteering and Community Participation'.

A VCVS spokesman said: "Twelve Millennium Volunteer (MV) awards were given in recognition of young people's contributions to volunteering. The capacity audience was overwhelmed by the amount of commitment shown by the inspiring people aged from 16 years old who collected their awards on a truly enthralling night."

Morgan Rogers collecting his 50, 100 and 200 hours Millennium Volunteering Certificate.

In and out class at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

It's been an action-packed time for students, both in and out of doors.

Pupils enjoying the sights in Barcelona.

IT has been a very busy start to the year at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

WELCOME TO YEAR-12!

YEAR-12 pupils have by now settled well into their AS and BTEC courses and have started to contribute to the whole school, with the committees arranging a fun day last month.

The pupils spent two days on a residential course in Goytre Valley, and then there were activities to launch the Welsh Baccalaureate, including a languages day and a volunteering day with staff from the Urdd Sports department and Clare Humphreys from the Vale Volunteering Bureau.

TAITH GOGLEDD CYMRU

AR ddechrau'r tymor bu criw o flwyddyn 11 am benwythnos i ogledd Cymru yng nghwmni Miss Rhian Griffiths a Mr Ithel Davies. Cafodd y disgyblion y cyfle i ymweld â mannau yn ymwneud â'u cwrs Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg.

Ymhlith y lleoliadau oedd Yr Ysgwrn, cartref y bardd Hedd Wyn, Llyn Tryweryn, Tŷ'r Ysgol, cartref y bardd TH Parry Williams a Chofeb Cilmeri, lle lladdwyd Llywelyn ein Llyw Olaf. Taith fythgofiadwy!

NORTH WALES TRIP

AT the start of term, a group from year-11 spent a weekend in north Wales along with Miss Rhian Griffiths and Mr Ithel Davies. The pupils had the opportunity to visit locations related to their Welsh literature course.

Among the places they visited were Yr Ysgwrn, home of the bard Hedd Wyn, Lake Tryweryn, Tŷ'r Ysgol, home of the bard TH Parry Williams and the Cilmeri Memorial, where 'Llywelyn, Our Last Leader' was killed. An unforgettable trip!

BRECON BEACONS

YEAR-9 started the year with a trip to the Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre in the Brecon Beacons, where they had the opportunity to try out an array of activities.

ARGENTINE VISITORS

RECENTLY, a group of pupils and teachers from St Luke's College in Argentina visited the school.

During their stay they played matches against our rugby and hockey teams, followed by a feast of Welsh cawl back at the school.

GOLD AWARD

DURING September, pupils from year-13 completed the expedition element of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award in mid Wales, finishing near the idyllic Llyn Brianne.

They coped extremely well during a hard and challenging week, camping for three nights and walking over 50 miles in four days.

The coaches and assessors praised the pupils very highly for their friendliness, spirit and willingness to learn (a large proportion of the group had never done anything like this before). Well done to them all.

SPANISH TRIP

BEFORE the summer holidays, pupils from years-9 to 11 went on a trip to Barcelona organised by the MFL department.

This was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to practice their Spanish with native speakers and also to visit some of the cities most well known sites including Port Aventura, La Ramblas, the Nou Camp (home of Barcelona FC), Parc Güell and the Sagrada Familia. A great time was had by all. ¡Muy bien!

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2014

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the locations listed in Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, to include a copy of the proposed Order and drawing no (T/14/73/MS) may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Visible Services & Housing (Ref: ED/HT/MS/IF747) in writing by 7th November 2014 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert into new map schedules AU47 and AU48

Port Road West (Part), Barry – Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

On the southern side, from a point 4 metres west of the common boundary of properties Ty Ni and the Fuel Station, westwards for a distance of 22 metres.

Pontypridd Road (Part), Barry – Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

On the north-eastern side, from a point 4 metres northwest of the common boundary of properties 118 and 120, north-westwards for a distance of 29 metres.

Dated this 16th day of October 2014.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014

GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 7) (GWAHARDD MANNAU AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124, a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn. Diben cyffredinol y Gorchymyn hwnnw fydd rhwystro cerbydau rhag parcio yn y mannau sydd wedi'u nodi yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys copi o'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig a llun (T/14/73/MS), drwy fynd i'r cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Os oes gennych unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig, dylech anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai (Cyf. ED/HT/MS/IF747) erbyn 7 Tachwedd 2014, gan nodi'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

3. Dylai pawb sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn a gynigiwyd ddeall bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor hwn, o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod pob ymateb a gaiff i'r gorchymyn dan sylw ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio 2013) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg.

ATODLEN 1

Cynhwyser atodlenni AU47 ac AU48 yn y map newydd

Port Road West (Rhan yn unig), Y Barri – Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Ar yr ochr ddeheuol, o fan sy'n 4 medr i'r gorllewin o gyd-derfyn eiddo Tŷ Ni a'r Orsaf Danwydd, am 22 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

Pontypridd Road (Rhan yn unig), Y Barri – Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o fan sy'n 4 medr i'r gogledd-orllewin o gyd-derfyn eiddo 118 a 120, am 29 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin.

Dyddiedig 16 Hydref 2014

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

Diabetes meeting

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, October 21, in the board room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, 7.30pm to 9pm

The speaker will be Dr Richard Bracken, and his subject is 'Nutrition and physical exercise in diabetes'.

Maendy YFC choir prepare to compete at Glamorgan YFC county eisteddfod.

Competition time tests the YFC members' versatility

Maendy YFC chairman Heather Jarvis with senior member Laura Thomas.

IT'S been all action at Maendy Young Farmers Club lately, with competitions a plenty for members! On October 6, they competed in the Glamorgan county carcass judging competition at Wern Fabian Farm, Swansea (by permission of Mr Hugh Phillips).

Competitors were required to judge four lamb or beef carcasses respectively, placing them from first to fourth, based on confirmation and fat cover. Maendy members were successful as follows: Tom Rees second in under-26 beef; Heather Jarvis second in under-26 lambs; Beth Jarvis placed second in under-21 lambs and third in under-21 beef.

The next competition was quite different when Glamorgan YFC held its first eisteddfod at Neath Constitutional Club on October 12.

Maendy YFC performed in a variety of vocal competitions from solos, duets and choir to mime, musical, photography and literary pieces.

Maendy achieved excellent results across the day, with members going forward to the Wales YFC eisteddfod next month. Thanks are extended to club leader, Miss Becky Harry, for training the members and for providing piano accompaniment at the competition.

Attention now turns to the annual county stockjudging day taking place on Saturday October 25. This year's competition day will be hosted by neighbouring young farmers club, Wick. Competitors are required to judge a ring of four animals of beef, dairy, lambs or pigs.

The aim is to judge the ring of four animals, placing them in first to fourth position, based on their confirmation and suitability for the modern butchering trade.

Competitors will then proceed to give their reasons in front of a judge within a two minute time constraint.

As always, new members are welcome to come along and find out what the Young Farmers Club is all about! For further information visit www.maendy-yfc.com or email maendy.yfc@gmail.com. You can also 'like' the Maendy YFC Facebook page and follow @MaendyYFC on Twitter.

Nurse Sue gives baby advice... BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT!

SUE JONES.

WHEN nurse Sue Jones went to Windsor Castle to receive an MBE from Prince William, little did she think she would end up giving him advice about one-year-old baby George!

The ABMU Health Board's lead nurse for school health nursing was responsible for co-ordinating the schools MMR vaccination programme during last year's measles outbreak, centred in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

She was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June, along with Julie Harvey, ABMU's head of paediatric physiotherapy.

Sue said: "I went to Windsor Castle to receive it from Prince William. I was delighted. He was so lovely. We had a good chat. He asked about my work and even said, '*Perhaps you could give me some advice about getting my young son to do what he should do*.'

"I told him to treasure every moment because George won't be a baby for very long."

Sue began her career as a student nurse in Neath General Hospital in 1972, later working on a children's ward and then qualifying as a midwife.

She became manager of the Neath Port Talbot school health nursing team in 2000 and took up her current ABMU-wide post in 2009.

When her MBE was announced, she said: "I have wonderful support from all the staff in our service and from senior colleagues throughout my career but especially in regard to raising the profile of and taking school health nursing forward.

"I feel blessed after all these years to still be able to say that I absolutely love my job and enjoy coming to work."

She was accompanied at the castle by husband Ken, son Mark – who travelled home from Luxembourg to be there – and daughter Lucy.

Local groups get Lottery pay-out

THE Big Lottery Fund has awarded the Bridgend branch of the Alzheimer's Society £5,000 to improve its building for people living with the disease, while The Pernicious Anaemia Society gets £4,958 to raise awareness of vitamin B12 deficiency.

They were among 71 community-based groups who shared in a £279,724 windfall.

Gareth Williams, Awards for All programme manager for the Big Lottery Fund in Wales, said:

"Awards for All is having a positive impact throughout Wales.

"Money is helping to establish groups, societies and clubs, promoting learning, increasing volunteering opportunities and helping to build stronger communities."

Available in Welsh and English, the application forms can be downloaded from: www.awardsforall.org.uk or by phone on 0845 4 10 20 30.

HALLOWE'EN AT DYFFRYN

DYFFRYN GARDENS is bringing back its annual Welly Week during the October half term. Grab your brightest and most colourful wellies to explore the grounds.

"There will be 10 multi-coloured wellies hidden all over the gardens and house; if you can find them all including the mysterious golden welly you will be in with winning an exciting prize," a spokeswoman said.

"Make it Mondays and 50 things Wednesdays are back too with making autumn leaf crowns on Monday and building your own bird box on Wednesday between 12pm and 3pm.

"Join us after dark on October 31 for a fun-filled Hallowe'en disco in the house. Our Hallowe'en family party will have ghost stories, games and activities as well as pumpkin carving. Wear your spookiest outfit and win a prize if you're the best dressed."

BAND CONCERT

RAF St Athan Voluntary Band 76th annual concert, this Saturday, October 18, at Llantwit Major School Hall (from 7.30pm).

Special guests are Noteworthy Mixed Choir under Musical Director Ryan Wood, accompanied by Rhiannon Williams-Hale. Tickets available from Chris Davis Estate Agent, East Street, Llantwit Major, or telephone 01446 798527.

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY

Time moves on...but no one has told the bees!

THE year may well be drawing to a close but the bees show little sign of winter adjustment and all colonies are very active.

Thanks to the mild conditions still prevailing, the foragers are bringing in pollen and nectar and the Queens are still laying. This, of course, is quite contrary to recognised beekeeping practice.

To all intents and purposes, the beekeeper should have carried out Varroa treatments. Any feeding that was required will also have been completed; our bees should be forming their winter cluster and foraging should have ceased.

All of the colonies can now be left alone until spring of the following year. However, as I have made clear in previous articles, the weather is the dominant factor in the honeybees world.

Colony activity equates to the expenditure of energy – the nectar and pollen are the ingredients required to provide this energy, so although stores are being created within the hive, the daily consumption by the bees means that said stores are being consumed.

Many parks and gardens still contain plants and flowers that are a ready source of all the bees' requirements, so until we see lower temperatures (i.e. nine degrees centigrade and lower) the bees will still make trips to provide the stores they know they must have to see them through the coming winter.

Here at Fonmon, I have several colonies that are receiving liquid feed; these are colonies that swarmed and require a little assistance from the beekeeper, and as a result they have not yet had any Varroa control applied.Feeding and Varroa control do not go hand in hand; it is one or the other. In my judgement, the feeding comes first, this along with the mild weather is certainly going to help the colony get through the coming winter.

I will treat for Varroa once I consider that the bees have sufficient stores. Why this approach?

Well, without food the bees will certainly die and then, of course, I won't have a Varroa Mite problem. Remember, I still have Queens laying and new bees will be emerging and will require nourishment, the mites will, of course, be carrying out their breeding cycle along with the bees, which means their presence will have to be addressed eventually.

Decisions! Decisions! That's what faces the beekeeper and you will sometimes get it wrong.

Fonmon Apiary has colonies with several supers still in situ; they will be inspected and I will have to make a decision as what I should do.

The storing of equipment that is not required over winter also brings its own problems. The Wax Moth has had a good breeding year and if you do not store things in adequate containers, the moth will certainly take advantage and your equipment will be subject to an attack, possibly rendering it totally unusable when spring comes around.

The beekeeper must become acquainted with all of the enemies of the honeybee and hive components if he/she is to be successful.

This year has been one of our best for some time; the bees will settle and then we will anxiously await the coming spring and hope to see activity from all the overwintered colonies.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

World War Two books donated to libraries

Left to right: Dr Johnathan Hicks; Coun Stuart Egan; Lady Mayor, Carol Hamilton; Gethin Sheppard (librarian); Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Howard Hamilton; Chris Edwards (chief librarian); Barry Town Mayor, Coun Jeffrey Evans.

A LIMITED edition of *Barry and the Second World War* by Dr Johnathan Hicks has been donated to Vale libraries at a reception hosted by the Mayors of the Vale and Barry, Couns Howard Hamilton and Jeffrey Evans.

A second copy has also been donated to Barry Town Council.

The book is not for sale, but will be available in Barry Library as one of many books and documents in the local studies collection, including Dr Hicks' earlier book on Barry and the Great War.

Coun Stuart Egan, cabinet member for adult services, praised the effort that had gone into the research and the timeliness of the work, as September marked 75 years since the start of the Second World War.

The book gives an insight into the role of local people during the war years and provides many direct accounts of the contributions they made and the way the conflict affected their lives.

It took seven years to research and during the process the author was able to meet and interview veterans and their relatives as well as conducting research using newspapers and local documents.

CHARITY HOG ROAST

THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor is hosting a charity hog roast this Saturday, October 18, at 7pm at St Athan Community Centre.

There will be live music from Out on Licence plus a silent auction. All proceeds go the Mayor's charities, Barry Beavers and Wales Air Ambulance. Tickets 315 each from the Mayor's office on 01446 709301.

Diesel's journey starts in USA and ends in Barry

Colas Rail-freight Company, based in Cardiff, hired the private sidings of the Barry Tourist Railway to train its drivers recently. The brand new class 70 diesels (below left) are imported from their builders in Erie, Pennsylvania, USA, and come in through Newport and Liverpool Docks. They are 3,820 HP and will be used for freight throughout the UK.

At a weight of 120 t they will not cross over to Barry Island, but can be seen going down to Morrisons to collect lunch with the drivers!

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

BARRY ROTARY CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

ON October 23, the Rotary Club of Barry and the Inner Wheel Club of Barry are organising an 'International Lunch' and the profits will be divided between Vale4Africa and InnerWheel International Charities.

The tickets are £8 each for a three-course lunch in the Bedwas Room of the Barry Memorial Hall, from 12 noon.

Tickets are available from John on 01446 760508, or can be purchased at the door.

'Does Cardiff Airport have the correct strategy?' asks Welsh Tory leader

by GEM REPORTER

A regional Tory AM has expressed his concern after CityJet announced its plans to reduce flights on the Cardiff to Glasgow Airport route.

The decision was taken because of a lack of passengers using the service and will lead to the number of daily flights being cut from three a day to two.

However, the airline told The GEM that it was still committed to the route and that networks were always evolving.

Andrew RT Davies AM, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said: "This news is particularly concerning given the fact that the route was only reinstated nine months ago.

"The fact that key airlines are reducing flights on their flagship routes, is extremely worrying, and does not give the impression of a confident and vibrant airport. This latest route withdrawal begs questions about whether the strategy for growth at Wales' state-owned airport is right and whether opportunities for growth, route development and marketing are being properly explored."

But Cardiff Airport managing director Debra Barber pointed out that some CityJet operations had surpassed what the airport had hoped for.

"We are continuing to work closely with CityJet who will operate flights to Paris and Edinburgh throughout the Winter season, both of which exceeded expectations during the first year of operations.

"CityJet has acknowledged Cardiff Airport as a key component in its strategy for UK regional growth and is an important partner for the airport in delivering key routes to and from Wales, with these services being essential for both inbound and outbound travel needs."

Ms Barber added: "Our priority is to return the business to its previous level of success and beyond, with ongoing discussions with our existing and potential new airlines about enhancing the number of destinations on offer.

"We want the people of Wales to be proud of their airport and for them, along with visitors to our country, to have a wonderful experience when using it."

Patrick Lukan, chief commercial officer at CityJet insisted:"Route changes such as Glasgow to Cardiff are all part of the process an airline goes through and networks are constantly evolving.

"We will maintain connections between Scotland and Wales via our Edinburgh route and will continue to serve Paris.

"Underlining the airline's commitment to the region, CityJet was recently announced as one of the sponsors for the Ospreys' 2014/ 15."

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL • CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01093/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: The replacement of existing defective heating pipework running within a stone clad riser that can only be accessed externally
Location:/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic Ltd, St. Donats Castle, St. Donats, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade I

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01058/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a proposed new Sports Hall facility to compliment existing sporting amenities at UWC Atlantic College. Sited adjacent to the existing tennis courts, the proposal involves the demolition of some existing maintenance / storage buildings. The new building shall have a multi-use sports hall, dedicated dance studio, gym, associated changing facilities and storage, student cafe area with kitchen and servery, small student office/reception, and outdoor terrace seating areas to take advantage of coastal views. The proposed building also incorporates No. 68 roof mounted photo voltaic panels.
Location:/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic Ltd, St. Donats Castle St. Donats
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Sundial at St. Donats Castle, Grade II, Parish Church of St. Donats, Grade I, Churchyard wall of church of St. Donats including railings and gate. Grade II, medieval Cross and associated slab in Churchyard, Grade II, Nicholl-Carne Memorial Cross in churchyard, Grade II cottage against Southeast churchyard wall, Grade II and The Old Rectory, Grade II.

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01095/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed garage/garden store (renewal of permission No. 2009/00828/FUL)
Location:/Lleoliad: Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Llwyn Rhyddid House, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01050/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Planning application for change of use from amenity land to the seasonal siting of touring caravans with associated shower/toilet block and additional parking provision
Location:/Lleoliad: Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park, Rhoose

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01058/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a proposed new Sports Hall facility to compliment existing sporting amenities at UWC Atlantic College. Sited adjacent to the existing tennis courts, the proposal involves the demolition of some existing maintenance / storage buildings. The new building shall have a multi-use sports hall, dedicated dance studio, gym, associated changing facilities and storage, student cafe area with kitchen and servery, small student office/reception, and outdoor terrace seating areas to take advantage of coastal views. The proposed building also incorporates No. 68 roof mounted photo voltaic panels.
Location:/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic Ltd, St. Donats Castle St. Donats

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01079/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed residential development for 224 new dwellings, associated highways and landscaping
Location:/Lleoliad: Former ITV Studios, Culverhouse Cross

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01089/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of a 10MW solar Photovoltaic system including levelling of land
Location:/Lleoliad: Ports Office, Atlantic Way, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01108/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Redevelopment of caravan site for residential development, with associated open space at Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park
Location:/Lleoliad: Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park, Main Road, Ogmore by Sea

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01129/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Outline application for residential development and associated works (including the demolition of existing structures on site)
Location:/Lleoliad: Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01000/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a new highway junction (ingress only)
Location:/Lleoliad: Agricultural land to the west of the Llwynhelig Farm and to the North of Cowbridge By-pass, Cowbridge

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01050/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Planning application for change of use from amenity land to the seasonal siting of touring caravans with associated shower/toilet block and additional parking provision
Location:/Lleoliad: Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park, Rhoose

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01155/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of a barn to a three bedroom dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Brocastle Barn Cottage, Colwinston

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/01050/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Planning application for change of use from amenity land to the seasonal siting of touring caravans with associated shower/toilet block and additional parking provision
Location:/Lleoliad: Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park, Rhoose

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 16 October, 2014

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

NEWS IN BRIEF

Free half-term holiday camp

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First will be hosting a free holiday camp at half-term for children aged 7-13 years, with arts and crafts, music workshops run by Raw Rock Academy, and a trip to the Wales Millennium Centre to watch *Captain Flynn and the Pirates*, in addition to a backstage tour.

It will be held from 10am-2pm on October 28-29 and at 10am-4:15pm on October 30 at Gibbonsdown Children Centre, Ramsey Road, Barry for children living in the Barry Communities First area or attending Oak Field Primary, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant, Palmerston, Colcot, Jenner Park, Cadoxton, Gladstone, Holton Road primaries, Bryn Hafren School or Barry Comprehensive.

Contact 01446 709432, email *communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk* or *www.BarryCommunities*First.org for full details.

Exhibition

On October 11, Art Central in Barry hosted a private view of the touring exhibition 'Journey: Response to Place,' created by Sculpture Cymru.

The 12 artists involved created work in response to a specific Welsh site that has a significant meaning to them.

The pieces were then placed in the environment and photographed.

Sculpture Cymru was initiated in 2000 and includes some of the most established sculptors in Wales.

The exhibition is on show in Art Central gallery until November 8 and is open to the public, from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday; entry is free.

NOT JUST A PUB, BUT A SHOP TOO...

'Pint of beer and a loaf of bread please barman!'

Landlord Arthur O'Leary and 'Vale Pub is the Hub' co-ordinator Helen Watts at the Cross Inn, Llanblethian.

THE Cross Inn, Llanblethian, which won a competition to have its entrance redesigned by TV home styling consultant Laurence Llewelyn Bowen, now has a shop – which landlord Arthur O'Leary set up with the help of one of Prince Charles's favourite projects, Pub is the Hub, and the Vale Council.

Arthur, who has been behind the bar of the 17th century pub for five years, decided to open a village shop as a service to customers after discovering that he could get financial help through Pub is the Hub.

It has been running in England for several years but was only introduced to Wales in 2012 by north Wales-based rural regeneration agency Cadwyn Clwyd who piloted it in Denbighshire, and has since rolled it out to eight counties across Wales, including the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Cross Inn was one of the first to take advantage with a small grant of £500 from the council's Creative Rural Communities scheme for a cabinet to display the shop's stock.

It is paid for through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) through the Welsh Government's Rural Development Plan and is part of a three-year plan to revitalise rural communities and their economies.

Cadwyn Clwyd rural services officer Helen Roberts, who oversees the scheme throughout Wales, said: "This is exactly the sort of community project that Pub is the Hub is all about.

"It's so important for village communities to have focal points like schools, churches and chapels and pubs and shops too and this is a wonderful example with the pub stepping in to run a shop.

"We're also very proud that Cadwyn Clwyd, who launched the first Pub is the Hub scheme in Wales in Denbighshire, has now seen it spread to seven other areas of Wales, Flintshire, Conwy, Gwynedd, Anglesey, Ceredigion, Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan.

"This is a pet project of Prince Charles and one that he has been monitoring closely since it began."

Arthur said: "My father was from Cork and my mother from Bantry and in Ireland very often country pubs have a little shop attached and I thought it would be useful to do that here.

"Hopefully it's a good excuse to pop in for a pint and to see just what we do offer here in terms of a traditional welcome with good food and good beer and we're dog friendly too so you can even bring your dog into the bar and the shop even has some doggy treats to encourage pets to bring their masters in."

Helen Watts, Pub is the Hub Co-ordinator for the Vale, said: "What Arthur has done is to provide a small community shop for local people where they can pick up staples without having to go into Cowbridge and worry about parking, so it's reducing congestion as well."

Bringing the harvest home on Waterfront

Alun Cairns MP and Coun Pamela Drake with local volunteers.

HARVEST celebrations at Barry Waterfront Centre last weekend were given a boost by some important visitors in the form of local Vale of Glamorgan councillors Pamela Drake and Chris Elmore, Jane Hutt AM and Alun Cairns MP.

Barry Uniting Church, who run the centre, threw open the gates of their community garden and building and welcomed local people to have a look around and put forward ideas to help shape a new permanent church and community centre to be developed on their land at Heol y Llongau next to the Waterfront Medical Centre.

New ministers Revs Carole and Phil Challis were also on hand to meet local residents and hear their points of view.

"I was delighted to join Barry Uniting Church and members of the community at the Waterfront to hear more about progress with Phase II of this exciting development and to congratulate them on all that they have achieved so far," said Jane Hutt.

Coun Chris Elmore (Castleland), Revs Carole and Phil Challis and local volunteers.

Mr Cairns commented: "It was very pleasing to see such a good turnout and to hear some very forward thinking plans about future provisions for congregations to meet."

The garden is open on the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 3pm for anyone who wants to follow the progress of the project, and regular updates are also posted on the Barry Waterfront Centre Facebook page.

Barry campaigner's aim is to ensure Haiti is not forgotten

LOCAL campaigner Mr Godfrey Knight explains why he is planning more events in support of the people of Haiti:

The earthquake in Haiti claimed over 200,000 lives. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Unemployment runs at 80 per cent – street traders earn just £30 a month.

Haiti is going to take 20 years to restructure. Lots of children eat food every other day.

Haiti Hospital Appeal, a charity started by two British drama students, has built a spinal care unit for people injured in the quake and they recently opened a hospital. This campaign supports that charity.

Mr Frank McKinney is a philanthropist who lives in nearby Miami, USA. He builds houses for people who live in poverty.

He says that the Haitian people are a faith driven people and often quotes Saint Luke, who said that 'those people who had been entrusted with much – then much would be expected'.

In that spirit, the houses Mr McKinney constructs are known as Earth Ships and cost from around £7,000. Food can even be grown in them as well, making them fully sustainable.

He said: "We build a house which includes the basics – electricity, sewerage and water, and the people flourish."

Money raised in future from our campaign will be donated to the above charities.

The Barry Male Voice Choir will in the near future host an evening's entertainment at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry.

My thanks to the public who have been very supportive, and Jane Hutt, the honorary patron of this campaign.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D848:

- **£2,000:** 410873.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £2,500 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** .897310, 743014, 290842, 781889, 582653, 300904, 697372, 838235, 864836, 127183, 122344, 573359, 862795, 119452, 293496, 753725, 990724, 454842, 736375, 1337.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Students to vote on youth mayor in the Vale

BETWEEN October 13 and 17, two candidates from the Vale Youth cabinet will be going head to head to become the first youth mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Tom Chandler, aged 17 from Stanwell High School and Emily Peters, aged 15 from St Richard Gwyn, are the two candidates hoping to become the first youth mayor. Both have filmed their manifestos which will be played to young people aged 11 to 25 during Local Democracy Week.

The Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service has arranged a series of elections to take place in a number of schools, youth clubs and youth organisations across the Vale. All details can be found on *www.swoosh.me.uk*.

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services, said: "It's fantastic that the Local Democracy Week campaign this year will focus on the election of the Youth Mayor for the Vale of Glamorgan.

"This is the climax to over two years hard work by young people, the Youth Service and the Vale Youth Forum in developing a plan to ensure young people have a real voice on services across the Vale."

The Youth Mayor will be announced at the Vale Youth Forum meeting on Monday, October 20 at the Civic Offices, Barry.

NURSERY FUN DAY

THE St Donats Nursery is holding a fun day this Saturday October 18 in Llantonian Hall from 3pm to 5pm.

It includes face painting, hat/crown making, apple bobbing, pin the wart on the witch, lucky dip, drinks and homemade cakes.

Sensitive Staffy Lucy Lou longs for a quiet life

LUCY LOU is a two-year old Staffy who, once she forms a bond with her owner, is a loyal dog, but is sensitive and will take time to settle in initially.

Having had lots of practice at the rehoming centre, she is now mixing quite nicely with other dogs, and could live with another calm dog in the home. Lucy Lou will suit a quiet home where she can settle in her own time, and children will need to be 14 or over.

Potential owners will need to have had experience with dogs previously, and will need to visit the centre mutliple times to get to know her.

The volunteers have fallen in love with her and, like the staff, just want Lucy Lou to find her 'forever home'.

If you can offer Lucy Lou a home, please call us on 01656 725219, or pop in to Dogs Trust Bridgend. We are open 12-4pm every day except Monday.

Linda Feagan
Supporter Relations Officer, Dogs Trust Bridgend
linda.feagan@dogstrust.org.uk
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Must have book on the buses

SOUTH WALES BUSES AND COACHES REMEMBERED
by Andrew Wiltshire £17

THIS is Andrew Wiltshire's sixth volume devoted to buses and includes 80 pages of full colour photographs going back to the 1960s here in south Wales.

It features local company fleets, as well as coaches and non PRV vehicles. We also have detailed information about municipal and independent buses.

Each page has detailed text on each individual vehicle, giving date built, withdrawn and some have more information on their demise.

For the bus enthusiast this is a 'must have' book and I spent many happy hours identifying the locations here in Wales.

For myself, I would have liked an index to find buses by make and also the location of the photographs.

For the enthusiast this will make an ideal present as a new volume to add to a collection.

MIKE WILCOCK

Hywelians hold a 'thanksgiving' this December

IN 2006, the Hywelian Guild marked its centenary and to celebrate this, the Bridgend branch of the Hywelians held an Advent service of Thanksgiving in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, led by Canon Derek Belcher followed by a Christmas lunch in the Bear Hotel.

This proved very popular and since then, it has become an annual event. This year's service will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 11.30am. If any Hywelian would like to join us for the service, they will be most welcome. Lunch needs to be booked. Please contact me for details.

The Bridgend branch has been active since 1953, originally meeting for lunch twice a year with about 20-25 members. Our members now come from Cardiff to Port Talbot with several from Cowbridge and Llantwit Major.

Since 1996 we have held an Advent service in various churches in the Vale and Bridgend borough but since 2006 we have remained in Cowbridge.

We also have a summer evening supper and a spring lunch in various venues across the area, most recently in Cottrell Park Golf Club.

We welcome new members; contact Pat Parry (secretary Bridgend branch Hywelians) on 01656 784211 or email patparry@greyholme.com.

Now Lee has his eyes on a world title...

ABOVE: Lee Selby pictured with his brother Andrew and Coun Gwyn John at Jenner Park Stadium.

BARRY-BORN boxer Lee Selby has taken a big step towards his dream of a world title by defeating Joel Brunker on Saturday, October 11.

He could now fight for the IBF featherweight world title against current holder, Russia's Evgeny Gradovich, who defends his title against challenger Jayson Velez in November.

Selby, who spent some time training at Barry's Jenner Park Stadium this summer, dominated the fight before the referee called a stop in the ninth round of the world title eliminator.

Coun Gwyn John, who watched the fight, said: "Lee was absolutely fantastic; what a performance. Everyone in Barry and Wales can be proud of him. He is a great ambassador for the Vale.

"I met Lee a few months ago to wish him well, and watching him tonight he showed us just how good he is. I am delighted for him, and I will be there to watch him win the world title. Good luck, Lee! Another performance like that and the title will be yours."

Hockey teams left frustrated after losses

BOTH Penarth Hockey Club sides were left with a feeling of frustration after the latest round of matches in the Davis Wood Hockey League matches, but the Second XI in particular believed that it could have been them - and not their opponents - walking away with the points.

A couple of hours after the 1st XI suffered their own 0-3 reverse against Cardiff University 'A', the seconds took to the Barry Sports Centre pitch for the first of eight seasonal fixtures against old rivals Whitchurch.

This encounter saw the Vale side taking on the second of the visitors' four sides in the De Cymru 2 division and was always going to be a tough one, even before Penarth were affected by the absence of key players, including both regular goalkeepers.

The hosts started brightly, despite the unusually late push back, but failed to take advantage of early pressure and allowed Whitchurch to remain in the game. Their profligacy was then punished midway through the half, when the visitors struck on the break and, despite several fine stops by emergency 'keeper Graeme Jones, the tide quickly turned in favour of the Cardiff side as two further goals took the interval scoreline to 0-3.

The score, however, did not reflect the balance of play, with Penarth more than holding their own and keen to strike back early in the second period.

That desire was soon sated as a quick exchange of passes from deep in their own half allowed the home side to reduce the deficit as Dave Watkins fed Tom Parkinson and the frenetic forward slotted coolly home.

Penarth briefly appeared to be in the ascendancy but, once again, the inability to create chances – and a number of penalty corner 'shouts' that failed to come their way – allowed Whitchurch to resist pressure and, eventually, turn the game back their way as a mishit cross from the far left of the Penarth 'D' somehow found the back post before deflecting over the line.

Needing to find three goals to at least secure a draw that was the minimum their endeavours deserved, Penarth pushed forward through the creative James Davies and Sam Salisbury, but found that their goalmouth efforts failed to attract the good fortune being enjoyed at the opposite end.

Despite some determined defending from Zbig Sobierserski, Ian Smith, Craig Llewellyn and Paul Roberts, Whitchurch literally enjoyed 'the rub of the green' as Jones was beaten three further times before the final whistle to leave the result at an unrepresentative 1-7 in favour of the visitors.

With their goal difference battered, Penarth are now at the tail-end of a three-way tie for seventh place in the division and will need to ensure full points from forthcoming games against weaker opposition.

League games continue this Saturday, with the 1st XI on the road against second-placed Hereford while the seconds travel to Treforest to take on another of the multiple Whitchurch sides.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary Dave Stevens via: d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk.

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Who wants to build what, and where in the Vale?

Waterstone Homes & Action for Children – **Ardwyn, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 17 dwellings and associated works.

Mr Xavier Rush – **Barns at West Aberthaw Farm, Aberthaw** – Conversion of redundant barns to provide four residential units.

Mr Geoff Walsh – **Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust, University Hospital Llandough, Penlan Road, Llandough** – Application to vary Condition 18 of planning permission 2012/00652/FUL to include new plans in relation to amended hard and soft landscaping.

Mr Gary Hughes – **Rear of 22 Romilly Road, Barry** – Proposed two storey retail unit.

Persimmon Homes – **Leckwith Road, Llandough** – Vary Condition 3 of planning permission 2013/00632/FUL, residential development to allow for site clearance and landfill to commence on site before the completion of traffic calming measures.

Dr Frederick James Evans – **Colhugh Villa, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major** – Installation of a sectional timber building.

Mr John Homfray – **Agricultural land to the west of the Llwynhelig Farm and to the north of Cowbridge bypass, Cowbridge** – Construction of a new highway junction (ingress only).

Mr and Mrs D M Rees – **Coach House Farm, Michaelston-le-Pit** – Application for erection of supplementary dairy building and two feed silos.

Mr Darryn Dixon – **13 Fforest Drive, Barry** – Conversion of garage into an additional room.

Mr Anthony Williams – **85 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – Proposed new 'eco' friendly bungalow at rear of 85 Lavernock Road, Penarth.

Mr and Mrs G Gibson – **Broughton House, Broughton** – Retrospective application for retention of log store, tractor and mower shed in grounds of Broughton House.

Fontygary Parks Ltd – **Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park, Rhoose** – Planning application for change of use form amenity land to the seasonal siting of touring caravans with associated shower/toilet block and additional parking provision.

Mr Andrew Stokes – **38 Colcot Road, Barry** – Erection of two storey side extension.

Mr and Mrs T Hackett – **49 Penlan Road, Llandough** – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2014/00695/FUL to allow five rooflights at high level within coach house.

Mr and Mrs P G Mayze – **The Croft, Sigingstone** – Conversion of existing outbuilding.

Mr Howard Davies – **Land at Woodham Road, Barry** – Modification to Sunrise Renewables planning permission 2008/01203/FUL.

Mr and Mrs J Lillywhite – **21 Partridge Road, St Athan** – Landscaping of rear garden and provision of new means of enclosure.

Domino's Pizza – **Tropical Tandoor, 33-34 Windsor Terrace, Penarth** – Installation of replacement extraction and ventilation equipment and associated external alterations.

Mr Geraint Morgan – **Ffos y Crydd Farm, Peterston super Ely** – Utilise flat roof as balcony.

Mr D Caddy – **Dunster Cottage, 18 South Road, Sully** – Proposed two storey extension to rear.

Mr Gordon Hadfield – **Swanbridge beach front (outside the Seashore Grill Restaurant), Sully** – Proposed replacement refreshment kiosk and the construction of new toilet facilities for general public use.

Mr Gordon Hadfield – **The Foreshore, Spinney Caravan Park, Swanbridge, Sully** – Emergency repair works to the existing coastal cliff rock face.

Mr P Dowdeswell – **Plot adjacent 8 Cliff Street, Penarth** – Proposed two bedroom house including new self contained access to first floor flat (Flat 2).

SA Brain and Company Ltd – **Tynewydd Inn, 103 Tynewydd Road, Barry** – Demolition of derelict outbuilding situated to the rear of the public house in the corner of the site.

Mr and Mrs D Evans – **Penn Onn Farm, Llancarfan** – Outline planning application for removal of redundant agricultural buildings and construction of three residential dwellings.

Ms Alison Tarrant – **1 Kymin Terrace, Penarth** – Replacement of ground floor and first floor windows to front elevation with new double glazed timber windows, as close to originals as possible.

Bellway Homes Wales – **Former ITV Studios, Culverhouse Cross** – Proposed residential development for 224 new dwellings, associated highways and landscaping.

Lightsource SPV76 Ltd – **Treguff Farm, St Mary Church, Cowbridge** – Installation and operation of a solar farm.

Mr Guy Frankling – **13 Windsor Terrace, Penarth** – Rear garage with first floor office.

Mr Malik Abdul Latif Amar – **22 Pantycelyn Road, Llandough** – Conversion of garage to habitable room and change flat roof to pitched roof on garage.

Mr D and Mrs R Lewis – **10/11 Esplanade Buildings, Friars Road, Barry Island** – Change of use from A1 to mixed use A1/A3 shop and coffee shop, with associated works including layout changes within the site, and works to update and improve the external appearance of the site.

Ms Debra Hayes – **45 Blackberry Drive, Barry** – Use of additional room in place of garage.

Mrs Cristiana Arcieri – **Brookside, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – Proposed side balcony.

Mr and Mrs A N Renwick – **Cattwg Cottages, Llancarfan** – Conversion of one half of house to separate dwelling.

Associated British Ports – **Ports Office, Atlantic Way, Barry** – Erection of a 10mw solar photovoltaic system including levelling of land.

Mr John Donkin – **4 White House, Barry** – To construct a conservatory at rear of property.

Mr William Glyn Thomas – **The Croft, Higher End, St Athan** – Proposed orangery extension to side of existing building.

Mr and Mrs David Pearns – **Tynewydd y Bryn, Peterston super Ely** – New roof conversion to garage to provide ancillary accommodation.

Mr Giles Parker – **Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol** – Proposed garage/garden store (renewal of permission no. 2009/00828/FUL).

Bellway Homes Ltd – **ITV Wales, The Television Centre, Culverhouse Cross** – Proposed demolition.

Mr and Mrs Smith – **1 Orchard Rise, Penarth** – Conservatory extension to rear.

Mr Christos Tsakiris – **3 Llwyn Passat, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Proposed balcony to front elevation.

Mrs E Pegg – **1 Whitcliffe Drive, Penarth** – Extension to existing garage.

Rashmika Spv1 Limited – **Land adjacent to Sutton Mawr Farm, Barry** – Solar farm.

Mr Mark Ridgeway – **16 Parklands, Corntown** – Store to rear of garage (resubmission of 2014/00545/FUL).

Mr J and Mrs K Richardson – **Land at the rear of Amberley House, Llantwit Road, Wick** – Erection of one two-storey detached dwelling and detached double garage.

Mr Andy Wood – **21 Meliden Road, Penarth** – Infill single storey ground floor extension to rear of property; change main roof from hip type, to gable ended dual pitch, with flat roof dormer to rear elevation.

Mr and Mrs B Chubb – **136 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – To raise roof line to accommodate dormer bedrooms (two ensuite) to first floor, to extend kitchen to rear of bungalow and general alterations.

Mr Gary Powell – **4 Paget Road, Penarth** – First floor rear extension.

Mr Graham Oddy – **Maesydd Farm, Llangan** – Proposed glazed elongated walkway (forming link between existing buildings).

Aberthin Village Hall Committee – **Aberthin Village Hall, Aberthin Lane, Aberthin** – Erection of single storey extension to provide additional storage space. Erection of glazed enclosure to existing entrance and replacement of stepped external approach with wheelchair accessible ramp.

Mr Rod Young – **3 Craig yr Eos Place, Ogmore By Sea** – Proposed garage with living accommodation above.

Mr and Mrs Trezise – **54 Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys** – Removal of existing single storey garage and store to side, along with conservatory to rear; construction of two storey rear/side extension plus single storey porch and associated external works.

Mr Payne – **19 Redbrink Crescent, Barry** – Erection of an orangery style conservatory to the side elevation.

Mr Phil Beaman – **Cemetery Approach off Barry Road, Barry** – The site is proposed to be laid out as public open space with an outdoor classroom area, refurbished air raid shelter and nature conservation areas.

Mr Wayne Rogers – **125 Phyllis Street, Barry** – Two storey side extension to consist of kitchen and sun room to ground floor and master bedroom with ensuite to first floor.

Mr and Mrs Evans – **Sheepcourt Farm, Bonvilston** – Proposed front pitched dormer to increase the headroom and usable space within the existing first floor room.

Miss Laura Powell – **Land south of the railway line, Trem Echni, Rhoose** – Removal of condition nos 3, 4 and 5 of 2012/00937/FUL.

Dr Nimish Shah – **Churchfields, 46 Village Farm, Bonvilston** – Single storey side extension and first floor extension over garage.

Mr David Hill – **Greenfields, Llanblethian** – T2, 8m crown reduction to Ash tree; T3, remove White Willow; T4, 3m crown reduction and remove epicormics to Ash tree.

Mr Paul Thomas – **Pump House, Sigingstone** – 40-50 per cent reduction (pollard) of Eucalyptus

THE BARRY DARTS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

IN this week's games, the Billy Ghosts maintained their position at the top of the league with another convincing win at home to the Loungers.

Mark Driscoll hit a 180 in their 18-3 win. Mariners 66 moved into second place with a very convincing 17-4 away win against the Tynewydd Inn.

The Runways moved into third place with a big 19-2 away win against the Hell Raisers.

The BFC Allsorts followed up their win against last year's league champions, with an impressive win over last season's runners-up. They came through to beat the Cwm Talwg 12-9.

The Poachers bounced back from last week's defeat by beating the Park Weasels 16-5 and the Wanderers had a 13-8 away victory against the Raiders.

Teams are reminded that this Friday is the annual presentation dance. Teams' prepaid tickets will be available on the door. Further tickets can be purchased for £2 each.

All teams are encouraged to support the evening and any raffle prizes donated would be greatly appreciated.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club:

October 6, Claret Jug competition (handicapped): 1st Hilary Morgan & Lou Edwards, 2nd Anne Hughes & Trish Roe, 3rd Sara Bartlett & Helen Barrie.

October 13: 1st Tony Disley & Kevin Maddox 74.03%, 2nd Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 61.36% 3rd Simon & Debbie Richards 60.71%.

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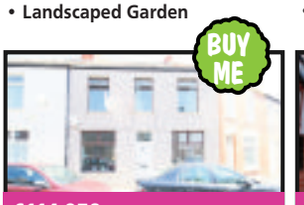

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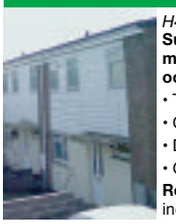

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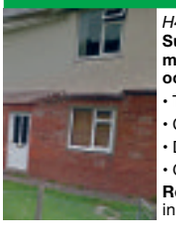

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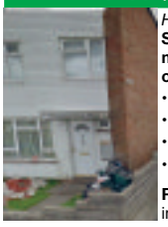

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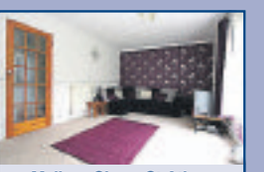

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Alma Joyce (née Fisher)

On October 10, at her home in Llantwit Major, Alma, beloved wife of the late Bill, dearly loved mother of Jan and Gill, dear mother-in-law of Martin and David, a much loved nan.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, October 24, service 12.45pm at St Illtuds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

MELBOURNE
Patricia Ann (Trish)

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on October 1st, Trish of Monmouth Way, Llantwit Major. Dearly beloved wife of the late Dez, much loved mum of Aled and Geraint, loving sister of Barbara, adored Nannie Trish of Ellie, Gracie, Martha, Cadi, Matthew, Daniel, Curzon, Kayleigh, Jaydene and Jack.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and commital at The Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday October 20th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research Wales. At Trish's request bright coloured attire to be worn.

DAVIES
Maureen

Peacefully on the 7th October in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Maureen of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of Malcolm and a dearly loved mother to Beverley, Philip and Suzanne and a much loved grandmother who will be sadly missed.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Monday, 20 October 2014 in St. Cattwgs Church, Llanmaes at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations may be made to British Lung Foundation in Wales c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only).

EVANS
Eira

Peacefully on October 3 Eira in her 98th year, formerly of Barry, beloved wife of the late Revd. Jack Evans, dearly loved mother of John and Julia, dear mother-in-law of Sally and Kevin, a much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

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THOMAS
Audrey Mary

Her devoted husband Jim and family wish to thank all of the kind people who sent so many sympathy cards and generously gave financial contributions towards the Alzheimer Research Project (£368 to date).

Also, thank you to the wonderful caring Waverley Staff who so tenderly administrated the palliative care that she needed.

CAVE
Allan Norman

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 9, Allan, formerly of The Parade, Barry. Will be sadly missed by his wife Jennifer, children Jonathan and Joanna and granddaughters Laura and Jasmine.

Resting at AG Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service at All Saints Church, Barry, on Thursday, October 23 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home. A special thanks to all the nursing and care staff at Quarry Hall, Cardiff, for all your support.

BURDER
Clive Douglas

Peacefully after a long illness, Clive, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday, October 21st at 2pm, followed by interment at The Limes Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Parkinson's UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ.

RICHARDSON
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"Kenny"

Pat and family would like to pass on their thanks to friends, neighbours and everyone else for their support, love and kindness during the past weeks. Thank you also to all involved with the arrangements for Ken's day. For those who donated to the Huddersfield Nerve Centre, due to circumstances beyond the family's control, this is now with the Parkinson's Fund on behalf of Ken's sister Iris; also thank you for the generous donations to Ty Hafan.

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Mrs N Richards – **Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston** – New stable/agricultural block.
Mr Shaun Cuddihy – **Brackendene, Wenvoe** – Proposed lodge building on redundant rural buildings.
Mr Paul Wilsher – **63(a) Main Road, Ogmore by Sea** – Removal of conditions 1 and 2 within planning permission 1986/01469.
UWC Atlantic College – **United World College of Atlantic Ltd, St Donats Castle, St Donats** – Construction of a proposed new sports hall facility to compliment existing sporting amenities at UWC Atlantic College. Sited adjacent to the existing tennis courts, the proposal involves the demolition of some existing maintenance/storage buildings. The new building shall have a multi-use sports hall, dedicated dance studio, gym, associated changing facilities and storage, student cafe area with kitchen and servery, small student office/reception, and outdoor terrace seating areas to take advantage of coastal views. The proposed building also incorporates No. 68 roof-mounted photo voltaic panels.
Mrs Yvonne Williams – **2 Tair Gwaun, Cavesham Park, Penarth** – Conservatory to rear of property.
Mr Paul Motte – **United World College of the Atlantic Ltd, St Donats Castle, St Donats, Llantwit Major** – The replacement of existing defective heating pipework running within a stone clad riser that can only be accessed externally.
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Mr Peter Ballantyne, Barratt Homes – **Beth Rapha, Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park, Hazelwood, Ogmore by Sea** – Re-development of existing house for three detached houses.
Mr Peter Ballantyne, Barratt Homes – **Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park, Main Road, Ogmore by Sea** – Re-development of caravan site for residential development, with associated open space at Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park.
Mr Peter Ballantyne, Barratt Homes – **Crompton Bungalow, Ogmore by Sea** – Re-development of existing bungalow for three detached houses.
Mr Richard Ball – **13 Althorp Drive, Penarth** – Double storey side extension, single storey rear extension and internal modifications on ground and first floor.
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Mr Webber – **Plot 116, The Hedgerows, White Farm, Barry** – Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.
Mr David Llewellyn – **Brocastle Barn Cottage, Colwinston** – Conversion of a barn to a three bedroom dwelling.
Mr Andre Yuen Lee – **Edwington, Port Road, Wenoe** – Proposed extension to front and rear elevations.
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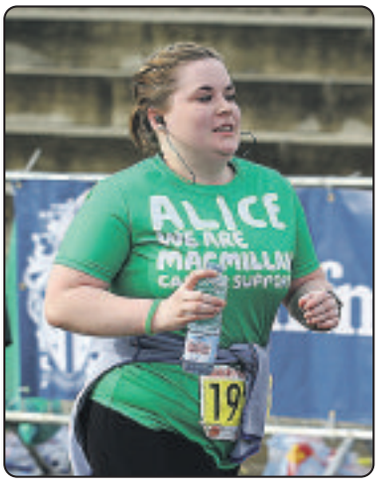

Thumbs up for Marie Curie!

OCTOBER sees the Cardiff Half Marathon taking place and for many runners the inspiration is a local, Welsh or national charity.

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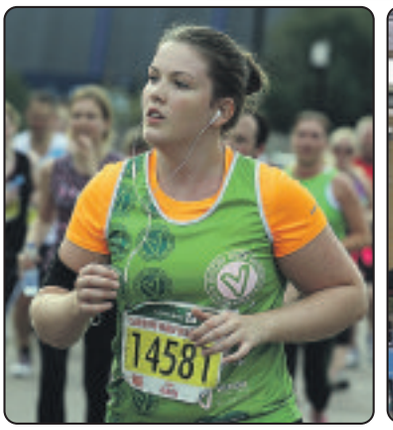

CAVC side impress

CARDIFF and Vale College's Rugby Academy, which is run in partnership with Cardiff Blues at the BT Cardiff Arms Park, has got off to a winning start this year with a series of impressive victories.

The CAVC Academy is rapidly on its way to becoming the largest rugby programme of any college in Wales, with the potential for 100 learners taking part. This will enable the college to field four teams.

In its first match against Cowbridge Academy, the CAVC team won a 38-5 victory, dominating the game despite being underdogs from the beginning. The CAVC Academy controlled the game with lineout and scrum giving the back line opportunity after opportunity to attack their Cowbridge counterparts.

CAVC director of rugby Martyn Fowler was asked to name a man of the match but declined. Instead, he pointed to the performance of 16-year-old Dan Watts from Dinas Powys, 18-year-old Sol Khan from Cardiff, 16-year-old Jake Thomas from Cardiff, 16-year-old Jacob La-Roche from Cardiff and the 17-year-old team skipper Joel Ringer, from Penarth, for their strong performances.

Flushed with the success of their first game, the CAVC Rugby Academy then went on to the Welsh Colleges 7's tournament at Coleg Sir Gar. Here they won three out of four games, including a 12-5 victory over Sir Gar.

Last week, the CAVC Rugby Academy – with a slightly changed team to ensure everyone gets a chance to 'earn their shirt' - played Coleg Gwent. The fixture had to be brought to a close on 45 minutes as the CAVC team reached a point difference of 50 plus, beating Coleg Gwent 66 points to 12 with 25 minutes remaining.

Outside centre 16-year-old Mike Wallis from Cardiff crossed the whitewash four times while Jake Thomas scored twice. Other try scorers included fullback Ryan Crowley who is 16 and from Cardiff, scrum half Dan Griffiths 17-year-old Cardiffian Dan Griffiths, blind-side Sol Khan and hooker Dan Watts.

"We are looking for more fixtures to ensure that we take advantage of the momentum that this young group is building," Martyn Fowler said.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School's sports round-up

THE Cowbridge School cross country girls' team competed in the Second Cardiff and the Vale Cross Country League fixture at Trelai.

The Year 7 girls were competed over a course of 2600 metres. With 166 girls competing the Cowbridge girls did really well. Isabel Annetts had a storming run to come home in eighth place an improvement of 12 places from the first fixture.

Isabel was followed by Hannah Dixon 17th, Meriel Clode 18th, Cyan Mchardy 19th, Saffron Maurice 24th and Jessica Burt 35th. These six girls made up the A team and came second out of 22 teams. Ruby Jones and Hana Martin also competed in the race in their first cross country race for the school coming 85th and 160th place respectively.

In the Year 8 and 9 race they ran 3100m. Jessica Wadey (Year 9) took her second title of the year so far; next in was Year 8 Charlotte Tudor coming ninth, followed by Year 9 Georgia Armitage 11th, Year 8 Sophie Hawkins 14th, Year 9 Emily Jenkins improved by six places to come 20th and Mali Howell (27th) made up the A team who came first out of 21.

Next home was Year 8 Alice Coe 28th, Beth Edwards 36th, Year 8 Eve Demmer 42nd Year 9 Imogen Marlor 51st and Eve Mordecai 77th. There were 124 finishers.

In the senior race, Year 10-13 girls ran together over a distance of 3200m. Year 11 Cerys Bradshaw came sixth, Year 10 Selina Radcliffe came 15th, then Year 11 Jemma Viney 25th, Year 10 Sophie Oddy came 36th, Alys Pritchard came 38th an improvement by 17 places and Megan Roberts came 43rd (improvement by 10 places) to make up the A team who came third overall.

Alicia Thomas came 44th, Lowri Morgan 49th, Charlotte Bonney 51st and Jasmine Emery 58th also ran. There were 73 runners.

A great result by all the Cowbridge runners in cross country race.

Year 9 hockey team.

Year 8 netball team.

HOCKEY

The Year 9 girls played their first hockey match of the year against Bro Morgannwg in Barry on October 7.

We got off to a great start breaking through their defence and Mali Howells scoring a goal within a few minutes.

Frequently during the rest of the match Bro Morgannwg came back at us displaying excellent hockey skills and really testing our defence; we gave away several short corners and excellent goalkeeping from Freya Johnson saved several goals.

Final score 1-0 to Cowbridge. Player of the match Freya Johnson.

NETBALL

Cowbridge Senior netball team took part in the under-18 Presidents Cup tournament.

The teams were split into four pools. Cowbridge were drawn against Glantaf and Bro Morgannwg. Cowbridge beat Glantaf 16-3 and Bro Morgannwg 13-5.

In the second round, Cowbridge played St Teilos who had also won their pool. Cowbridge were a couple of goals down towards the end of the match but Cowbridge scored a quick couple of goals to win the match 8-6.

Cowbridge then played Cardiff High in the final. Cardiff High won the game 10-7.

The Cowbridge squad played really well with a lot of combinations which were successful. Lydia Hitchings, Kim Jerwood and Laura Young all played well as shooters, Beth Richards, Megan Mcnamee, Ellie Eddy Williams and Sally Gambling played in the centre court and Charlie Booth, Hannah Lister Sims and Rebecca Thomas played in defence. Thank you to Eleanor Hicks, Rebecca Thomas and Sally Gambling who all played for Stanwell to complete their team.

On October 9, Year 8 and 9 netball teams played against St. Richard Gwyn.

Cowbridge Year 9 made a great start to the game, with a quick goal from Sophie in the first centre pass. Cowbridge then demonstrated some great defensive play with Sarah Jones intercepting many of the St. Richard Gwyn balls towards goal.

Cowbridge upped the tempo and showed some brilliant movement and attacking play, which soon left St. Richard Gwyn with no other option but to play a defensive game. Cowbridge continued to defend and attack well throughout the game and came away with a 13-1 win! Player of the match: Sophie Rees.

Cowbridge Year 8 displayed good team work and effort from the first whistle. Cowbridge moved the ball well through the court to GA Beth and GS Eve.

Brilliant movement and effort by all players resulted in Cowbridge making many interceptions in the centre court. This left St. Richard Gwyn with little opportunity to shoot.

Beth Edwards' shooting was on point, with almost all shoots going in the net first time. Final score 13-0. Player of the match: Beth Edwards

The Year 7 girl's netball team played their first match, representing Cowbridge against Bro Morgannwg.

In the first game Cowbridge won 11-3 with Alexa Browning being awarded player of the match for her accurate shooting. The team were Lowenna Radcliffe, Livvy Cross, Tilly Gough, Emma Jones, Amelie Clode, Jess Birt and Alexa Browning.

In the second match Cowbridge won 14-0 with Ellie Williams being awarded player of the match. Ellie played goal defence and goal attack and was excellent in both positions. The team were Kate Floyd, Catrin Roy, Izzy Annetts, Hannah Dixon, Sian Lloyd, Mia Williams, Katy Wright and Ellie Williams. Well done girls.

Junior rugby round-up

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Cowbridge then took the initiative as James Collingridge carved his way through, putting Cowbridge two up at the break. Osian Bruce cleverly went blind off a scrum near the halfway line, with the usual outcome of a sprint and finish down the left wing.

CRICC kept in the game but Cowbridge were full of attacking intent, with an adept finish from George Tuckley, and Ollie Gale scoring following sustained Cowbridge pressure.

The match was then wrapped up with Ned Rees providing an astute offload to Osian, who determinedly sliced through the CRICC defence. Final score 11-7 to Cowbridge.

Cowbridge quickly went into the lead in game two with Jacob Robson finding space from close range; then Harry New literally exploded out of the blocks deep in his own half, racing over the halfway line past the CRICC defence, culminating in a very impressive finish down the right wing.

CRICC managed to score but Cowbridge were focused, with another wave of attacking play finding Corey Williams who increased the Cowbridge lead, hurtling through the defensive cover.

A rapid double by CRICC brought the scores level but Harry New provided a glowing example of his try scoring potency with a blistering finish. Cowbridge were ahead at the break but CRICC fought back once more.

Sam Sheppard was the catalyst for the Cowbridge response, cutting through and giving a sublime offload to James Lord who sidestepped past perplexed CRICC defenders.

Cowbridge were on song with James Lord now turning provider, firstly setting up Ben Stephenson for a rapier run into the left corner and then for Ned Rees, who, breaking tackles at will, scored a deserved try of his own.

A CRICC repost was countered immediately by Will Brennan who scored straight from the restart for the second week running. The Cowbridge defensive display has really improved week on week, with Joe Arentsen notable for some courageous tackles.

Final score 8-6 to Cowbridge.

PS

Great turnout at the Glamorgan Hunter Trials

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The winner of the Open Class (and £300) competing against experienced adults on big horses, was 12-year-old Ellie Thorn on Quelle Surprise.

THERE was record turnout at the Glamorgan Hunter Trials at Alps Park, Wenvoe, with more than 210 horses and ponies taking part across different levels, from minimus to the challenging open.

Organiser Terry Edgell congratulated the winners and all those who competed and thanks to the hosts at Alps Park, the sponsors, the organisers and stewards and helpers who worked so hard.

Alice Rees from Laleston riding Goldie.

ABOVE: Peter Davies from Cottrell won the Clodach Cravos challenge picture for the highest-placed Glamorgan Hunt member in the open class.

Harriet Edwards from Colwinston on Misty in the Minimus Class

Owen John of Cowbridge and Rhys Ford of Llandow receiving their trophies from Joint Master Mike Gibbon. They won the Minimus Pairs riding Rosie and Sunny.

Seaview Lads news

THE lads have enjoyed better fishing over recent months with some excellent catches of hounds and Rays from boat and shore.

The boat fishing has been very good with lots of good Blonde Ray being caught and the Viking marauders enjoyed excellent fishing for giant cod while in Norway

On the most recent evening competition, Johnny Jones was top man with a bag that included a conger of 10lb 8oz, while Roger Green took the honours in the last match of September and Kevin Salah included six hounds from the shore in his winning weight of over 35lb earlier in the month.

There have been too many poor days though, with low winning weights and many anglers fishless at a time of year we would expect some bumper bags. Credit must go to the hardy guys that stick it out regardless.

The annual migration to the Canaries is looming soon but before then we have some serious fishing to attend to and look forward to a huge turnout for Bert's competition on October 26. The next meeting is tonight, October 16.

RESULTS

Friday, October 10 - 1st J Jones, 2nd G Spitteri, 3rd M Langford, 4th P Coles. Sunday, September 28 - 1st R Green 6 lb 13 oz. Wednesday, September 24 - 1st P Coles 3 lb 4 oz. Sunday, September 7 - 1st K Salah 35 lb 9 oz, 2nd P Coles 12 lb 8 oz, 3rd S Doble 1 lb 8 oz, 4th S Davies 1 lb 5 oz, 5th G Morgan 6 oz.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL IS CELEBRATED BY PETERSTON SUPER ELY PRIMARY PUPILS

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

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Local tractor run helps Macmillan

RIGHT: Basil George with Claire Davies and Val Weaver

ON Sunday, October 5, the annual Ogmore Castle Vintage Tractor Run took place to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Around 35 tractors took to the road at 10.30am, travelling from Ogmore Village around the Vale and back to base approximately two-and-a-half hours later.

The tankard this year was presented to James Isaacs from Groesfaen, who had travelled the furthest distance to take part in the run. The organiser, Basil George, thanked everyone who made the effort to attend the run, and presented each participant with a medal.

He also thanked Robert and Angela Williams for the use of the Ogmore Castle field, Paul Hooper for the signwriting, Jeff Webb from the Aberthin Tractor Boys for the catering and BS Supplies for the medals and trophies.

The Vintage Tractor Run raised £470, bringing the running total to £2,865 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Val Weaver and Claire Davies, fundraisers for Macmillan, thanked all those who had donated towards the local cancer support facilities. **BG**

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Emphatic win for Barry Seconds

BARRY Second XV were hoping to put their disappointment of the last fortnight behind them as they travelled to Llandaff in autumnal conditions.

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were able to recall Tom Lee for his first start for the 2nd XV at scrum-half. He was partnered by Rich O'Sullivan at half back, while Dominic Busuttil also returned to form a midfield partnership with Dave Williams. John Dimond was moved into the back row following the withdrawal of captain Lee Jones.

Barry attacked from the off, attempting to utilise the pace of their backs out wide. After several early opportunities were spurned, Tom Poole finally made the pressure tell as he ran over after being set up brilliantly by full-back Rhidian Mepham. Lee was unable to add the extras.

If the visitors thought this was going to be the way of things to come, they were wrong. Llandaff increased the tempo of the game, leaving the Barry forwards disorganised and the home side reduced the deficit with a penalty.

Worse was to come for the green-and-whites, as the home side dominated the contact area to turn possession over, before spreading the ball out wide to round off the move with a converted try.

With the game in the balance, coach Scott was forced to make ruthless changes at halftime, and it seemed to have paid off almost immediately when Barry were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. Lee reduced the deficit to two points.

With the away side now on the front foot, and the forwards back in the game in open play, the half-back partnership of Lee and O'Sullivan began to dictate matters, and it was no surprise when the stretched Llandaff defence were unable to stop the scrum-half touching down for his first try of the game; it was not to be his last. Lee failed with the conversion attempt.

The Barry scrum turned the screw, especially after the introduction of James Sullivan, and this gave the opportunity for the backs to shine, and it was O'Sullivan who crossed next with a strong run following forward drives from Corne, Dimond and Barclay. Lee missed the conversion.

Following more territorial domination, and some good work from the midfield of Busuttil and Williams, Lee jinked over to score his second of the match.

With the Barry line-out, following the return of Kyle Case, inch-perfect, it was only a matter of time before Lee completed his hat-trick, crashing over in the corner. O'Sullivan added the extras.

Lee's half-back partner O'Sullivan was not to be outdone, and it was him who had the final word. Barry turned over a Llandaff scrum with apparent ease, and with the try-line at his mercy, the fly-half powered through for his second try. Lee added the conversion from out wide to leave the final score 39-10 to Barry.

The management was delighted at the level of performance and commitment, especially in the second half, by the team to turn their fortunes around.

More of the same would be expected as the 2nd XV continue their league campaign at home to Llanishen this weekend, while 3rd XV host Llandaff.

Team: Mepham; Knapman, Busuttil ©, Williams, Poole; O'Sullivan, Lee; Corne, Turnbull, Heard; Flynn, Barclay; Dimond, Case, J Evans. Replacements: Sullivan, Westall, Rolfe, D Evans. Man-of-the-match: O'Sullivan.

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Barrivale bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 7:

First, Mark Roderick and Mike Best, 61.11 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Mike Close, 57.94 per cent; third, Jane Brook and Celia Thomas, 56.25 per cent.

Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick won on handicap.

Alan Jones and Sean Macdougall won the Nancy Malpas Trophy; this was played on September 23 (*pictured above*).

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

DR

MMG prove too much for Rovers

MMG Seconds came up against Barry Rovers at Seven Avenue with only a point separating the two teams.

With players injured, away player/manager Lee Galsworthy had to call in two first team players to help fill the bench.

Barry Rovers took a deserved lead after 15 minutes when a pin point cross found their No 6 unmarked who dispatched a perfect header into the top of the net.

MMG were dealt another blow as their keeper Ross had an unfortunate clash with a Barry Rovers player that resulted in him later needing six staples in his head. He was replaced by the ever-reliable Scott Nelson who was soon called into action, tipping an effort wide of the goal.

The game changed when David Evans hit a speculative long shot that their keeper couldn't hold and went into the net to bring the scores level. MMG stepped up their efforts and they were rewarded with a free kick about 25 yards out. The resultant free kick was juggled by the hands of the away keeper before going in.

Midway through the second half Drew Burniston jinked his way pastthree players to unleash a fierce shot but he was being held by at least one of the Rovers defence; the penalty was duly dispatched by Evans for his hat-trick.

Paul Murphy was replaced by Rodgers and with 10 minutes left, the tireless Mason was replaced with Spears. Well done to Josh Cummings and Paul Edwards for their man of the match displays.

MMG would like to thank their sponsor BRT International for their support.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

***GET HOME NOW*, a six-year-old bay gelding owned by Bridgend's Jayne Brace and her father Gwyn, a former race commentator, landed the handicap hurdle at Market Rasen recently getting home, pardon the pun, by one-and-three quarter lengths from *Past Master*.**

Get Home Now is trained by Peter Bowen at Little Newcastle in Haverfordwest and was ridden by his son Sean, who has come in for a lot of praise this season.

Evan's hat-trick

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams, who is the leading trainer at Ludlow Racecourse, brought his total of wins there to 50 when landing a treble at the Shropshire racecourse with *Upsanddowns* (novices hurdle), *Dark Spirit* (mares handicap hurdle) and *Bullet Street* (handicap chase).

Upsanddowns, the odds-on favourite won by half-a-length from *Georgie Lad*, *Dark Spirit*, a 6-1 chance, scored by the minimum distance – a nose – and *Bullet Street* won by two-and-a-quarter lengths from *The Bear Trap*.

Stable jockey Paul Moloney was aboard *Upsanddowns* and *Bullet Street* and Adam Wedge rode *Dark Spirit*.

Of *Dark Spirit*, Evan said: "We had loads of problems with her last season as she always seemed to be in season, but we were hoping for a clear run this time and this is a promising start. Her owner Mario Stavrou had a heart attack 10 days ago, so this win will be a tonic for him."

The Omen springs a surprise

***THE OMEN*, an eight-year-old bay gelding trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, was a surprise 14-1 winner of the novices' handicap chase at Worcester last week.**

Well ridden by Alan Johns, *The Omen* scored by six lengths from the favourite *Pure Poteen* with the Evan Williams trained *Islandmagee* back in third place.

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Families go for the burn in Margam

The 'Fantastic Phillips' family of Cowbridge: Nic and Isabel (left) and Alys and Tim (right).

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DOUBLE world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events, organised the recent Mini Burn weekend in Margam Park.

Here is her report:

THE biggest family turn-out to any multisport adventure race in the UK made Mini Burn at Margam Park the place to be last weekend.

We had families from all over Wales, as well as from across the border.

The event comprised a 3km run, 1km kayak on double sit-on-top kayaks, a 5 or 10km mountain bike and a 2km orienteer, with some additional challenges such as climbing, so it ensured that the 140 competitors deserved a good night's sleep after a day of multisport.

Everyone who completed the course received a Mini Burn medal and goody bag.

Most competitors were there for a fun day out but competition this year was closely fought in all categories.

The 'family category' – including a junior under-10 – was won by the 'Fantastic Phillips' of Cowbridge, a father-daughter team, Nic and seven-year-old Isabel in a time of 01:39:49.

Second place went to the Bagwell family from Gwent, a mother and son team, Janet and nine-year-old Ewan, and third place went to the Mighty White Team, Rhys and nine-year-old Taylor White from Mountain Ash.

In the family category, with a junior over 10 years old and under 18, the winners were Team Jones from Bridgend in a time of 01:37:24. Team Jones was a father and son team, Alun and 13-year-old Rhys Jones.

Second place went to the other half of the Bagwell family, Andrew and 11 year old Harry, and third place went to The Gravelleu Macsimon team, 11-year-old Macsen Stockton from Penarth and Rhiannon Gravell from Cardiff.

Sarah Mee from Swansea said: "The mini burn is a well-organised event which welcomed people to give it a go and enjoy an adventure race atmosphere.

"The climbing wall was a great addition and a great way to finish off on a 'high'. The kids are very proud of what they accomplished and have taken their participation medals into school to talk about their experience."

The Male category was won by Team Sherlock Plus, Jermey Holmes from Dinas Powys and Mark Partridge from Ealing, who just can't stop winning at our mini burn events, and the mixed category was won by Team Monty Bojangles from Bristol – Vicky Shufflebottom and Steven Springings.

The Female category was won by the Clifford Dudettes, Helen and Katie of Bristol and the Team of four by the Happy Bandits from Cardiff.

So many smiling faces crossing the Mini Burn finish line makes this event an absolute pleasure to organise and is the reason I get out of bed every morning with a spring in my step.

Before the season finishes, there is one more Burn event, at Llandaff Rowing Club on October 26. It's an adults event only and the competition is high, so for any parents who loved the mini burn, and really want to put their fitness and navigation skill to the test, it's the one to look out for.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Point-to-Point's strangest races

WE ended the first part of Point-To-Points Strangest Races with the Brunico fiasco at the Gelligaer Farmers' meeting.

However, that wasn't the only strange happenings at Llantarnam that day. For those punters who had backed the winner *Wren's Trix*, brilliantly ridden by Joe Price, at odds of 4-1, to finish alone in the three horse members' race, they had every reason to feel agrieved and they complained to the stewards after it had been announced that the odds-on favourite *Trumpet Player*, partnered by Robert Rowsell, had finished second.

What had happened was that *Trumpet Player* unshipped his rider at the second last fence and was remounted and did eventually finish the race.

However, the judge seeing the crowds crossing the course, assumed that there were no other finishers and was not in his stand when the horse and rider passed the winning post.

And Jockey Club rules stated that 'No horse which passes the winning post after the judge has left his stand shall be placed.'

Apparently, the judge was given a good telling off by the chief steward, John Cory. However, those who had backed *Wren's Trix* to finish alone went home cursing him.

First attempt wins on second attempt

IN 1985, a horse called *First Attempt* won on her second attempt at the Tivyside Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases.

First Attempt, an eight-year-old chestnut mare owned by Mr W K Rhead, was made favourite for the men's open race but took a tumble early in the race.

Around an hour later, *First Attempt*, ridden by the owner's son Alan Rhead, faced the starter again when lining up for the adjacent hunts' race which she won after her solitary rival, *Portfield Fair,* failed to complete the course.

Later, Rhead had more to smile about when he took the maiden race on Annswell.

Stable mates' dead heat

TWO horses who used to be stable companions dead-heated for the 1984 Welsh point-to-point Grand National at the Pentyrch Hunt Steeplechases at Llantwit Major.

A few years earlier, the two horses *Loch Raven* and *Wine Talk* were both trained at the same time in Ireland by Paul Doyle.

Loch Raven was ridden by Brecon's Brian Eckley and *Wine Talk* by Bridgend's Paul Hamer.

Both jumped the last fence together and the judge, Howard Jones of Rudry, was unable to separate them at the winning post.

Scotch Salmon tipped the scales

A HORSE called *Ferreter*, owned by hunt-racing official Mrs Cynthia Higgon, finished first past the post at the 1983 South Herefordshire Hunt Steepl chases but was disqualified following a Jockey Club enquiry.

Jockey Club officials also disqualified the third, fourth, fifth and sixth horses and awarded the race to the runner-up, *Scottish Salmon*.

All the horses should have carried 12st 7lbs but the Clerk of the Scales insisted, despite pleas from their owners and riders, on weighing out all riders at 12st.

Because *Scottish Salmon's* rider carried 8lb overweight, thus being the only horse in the race to carry 12st 7lb or over, it was awarded the race.

Had all the horses carried the wrong weight the race would have been declared void. Point-to-point rules state that an objection to any decision of the Clerk of the Scales must be made at once.

You can e-mail your horse racing news or views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or call 02920 736438.

Point-to-point season fixtures announced

THE 2014/15 point-to-point season in the Vale will kick off with the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases at Ystradowen on March 28.

The tricky Ystradowen course will also be the venue of the Ystrad Taf Fechan fixture on April 11 and, as usual, both meetings should attract big crowds.

The Llangeinor Hunt Point-To-Point at Dunraven Stud Farm near Pyle is another point-to-point that attracts big crowds and next year's meeting should prove no exception.

Unlike ordinary race meetings, there is a certain charm about point-to-points. The horses and riders the picturesque surroundings of the open countryside, the bookmakers, picnic hampers and trade stalls are all part of the attraction.

Racegoers can mix with owners, trainers and riders and the sport provides a good training ground for horses and riders who may eventually compete under National Hunt rules proper.

Grand National winning jockeys Hywel Davies and Carl Llewellyn, both from Wales, are just two jockeys who began their race-riding careers in point-to-points, while Wales' Norton's Coin, which won the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup, and three times Gold Cup winner Best Mate both graduated from the point-to-point field.

Norton's Coin in fact won his first race at a point-to-point meeting held in the Vale.

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EVAN ONE WIN SHY OF HIS 50TH

De Faoithesdream, an eight-year-old brown gelding trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, landed the Weatherbys Thoroughbred Sales Guide Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Sunday.

Evan needs just one more win at Britain's youngest racecourse to notch-up his half-century at the west Wales racecourse.

Partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, the 9-2 chance made all of the running and was never in danger of being caught and after jumping the last hurdle was eased to win by six lengths from Taste The Wine.

ABBEYGREY WINS AGAIN

Evan Williams's Abbeygre, a winner just five days earlier, landed the Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot last Friday.

The promising five-year-old, who was the youngest horse in the race, won by three lengths from Milosam and was ridden by Adam Wedge.

BRIAN LEE

The Townsends are on form for Saints

BARRY SAINTS produced an impressive team performance to beat Cardiff Northern emphatically, 15-1.

Debutant Andrew Townsend got the first superbly finding the top corner from the edge of the box leaving the keeper stranded.

Darren Townsend grabbed his first with a low finish into the bottom corner after great work by Nathan Williams. Darren grabbed another after smashing the ball home from close range.

Nathan Williams then grabbed a goal when he was picked out after a powerful run he blasted the ball home. Joe Matthews clinched a goal after drifting in from the left wing and converting his chance easily.

Darren Townsend added another with a tap in for his hattrick and Andrew Townsend added his second, dancing around four Northern players and hitting a thunderbolt of a shot leaving the keeper with no chance.

Ashley Ashill bagged two from the right wing after leaving his marker for dead both times. Michael Evans was brought on and instantly got in on the action hitting an unstoppable shot from the edge of the box which struck the underside of the bar before crossing the line.

Evans grabbed a second with a low long range effort finding the bottom corner. Darren Townsend grabbed another with a header lobbing the keeper. Michael Evans completed his hattrick from the penalty spot after he was fouled.

Darren Townsend wrapped up the game to secure his double hattrick with a delicate touch volleying home after a superb cross by Evans.

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Atoms' close encounter

BARRY Atoms went away to face Pentrych, and the tempo was high the tackling ferocious and the commitment shown by both sides could not be faulted.

Pentrych started off slipping a tackle, running down the wing and scoring a pacey try, which they converted. Barry came back through some fine offloading, being taken up by Harry resulting in a fine try. Pentrych then gained ground and scored, converting yet again.

The scrum wasn't always working but when they got it together progression was assured. We were pegged back almost at our try line; the ball was shifted quickly into Rory's hands and he ran more or less the length of the pitch scoring a marvelous try.

Then in the dying minute of the game Pentrych made an error which was intercepted by Harry who then slipped his man and ran in a great match-winning try, the final score 15-14.

This game had the lot, blood sweat and tears, moments of solo brilliance, and glaring mistakes; yet the boys showed their mettle and ground out this result.

The team spirit shown by these boys when the chips are down was superb; man of the match went to Jack L.

Team: Rhys, Couchy, Anton, Iestyn, Eski, Jacob, Jamie, Kaiden, Rory, Connor, Jack L, Harry, Daf, Cai, Zak, Mason, Ethan. **DD**

Karate league comes to Penarth

PENARTH Leisure Centre hosted the Welsh Karate League recently, with participants travelling from across the UK.

Around 500 male and female competitors took part throughout the day ranging from under-8s up to veterans, in both the Kata and Kumite categories.

There were also 25 competitors, ranging from wheelchair users to people with Learning Disabilities, competing in a range of categories in the disability section of the league, which takes place alongside the mainstream competitions.

Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales Development Officer for the Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: "I think it's brilliant that disabled competitors are included in the Welsh Karate League. The numbers taking part in a competitive setting is also something for the Welsh Karate League to be proud of."

The style of karate that the disabled participants perform is Kata, which detailed patterns of movements practiced either solo or in pairs. These movements can be adapted to suit each participant where they then face off against an opponent in a safe and controlled environment.

Rob Copeland, president of Karate Wales, said: "Clubs all over the country are attending with ever growing squads as a culture of attending a friendly, regular and professional competition structure has embraced karate in Wales.

"As well as a marked and continuing improvement in the standard of our young competitors, it is also very gratifying to see our Special Needs and Wheelchair Users categories bustling.

"As Karate Wales' reputation as a vibrant and high quality governing body grows, we are also welcoming more and more visitors from outside Wales to the Welsh Karate League, which in turn helps to test and further develop our Welsh competitors."

GOLF NEWS FROM BRYNHILL LADIES

THE latest results from Brynhill ladies are as follows:

September 9: four club competition, winner Linda Hewlett 40 points; runner up Glynis Gould 36.

September 16: GUR Medal/Welsh Dragon Brooch, winner Linda Hewlett 67; runner up Julie Harkin, 70.

September 3: Holland and Tattersall Cup, winner, Jo Kirkpatrick, 33 over the back nine from Olwen Thomas.

September 28: John Collins Foundation, winner Linda Hewlett.

September 30: Consolation Trophy, winner Carole Allen, 40; runner up Di Tapscott 38. Breakthrough Brooch: winner Carole Allen 40; runner up Linda Hewlett, 39.

October 7: Turkey Trot Competition, winner Jane Phillips, 35 over the back nine from Olwen Thomas.

Congratulations to Sue Holland who won the past captains' competition at Glamorgan Golf Club.

Future Events: November 11, Christmas Fayre, 6pm-9pm. Admission £1 at door or by ticket. Stalls selling Christmas gifts, jewellry, calendars and cards, scarves, jams and preserves,Welsh slate gifts, festive flower arrangements, hair products, golf gifts and many more. Refreshments available. November 18 - Ladies Annual General Meeting; also, masterclass, make your own Christmas door swag by Hilary West.

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Plenty of spirit in Cowbridge performance... BUT THE RESULT GOES THE WRONG WAY

WHAT and odd game this was against joint table toppers Dinas Powys on a beautiful autumn afternoon at the Athletic Field.

Dinas Powys arrived having won three and drawn one of their first four games.

Yet it was Cowbridge who started strongly, narrowly missing a penalty after seven minutes following some powerful forward drives form prop Ben Worall and captain Matt Wright, supported as always by the tireless Rhod Walker.

With the scrum and lineout functioning well it was disappointing that after a couple of penalties, Dinas were first on the scoreboard with a converted try after 14 minutes.

A great take by Walker from the kick off and surge by the pack resulted in a penalty which No. 10 Tom Sterling converted. Unfortunately second row Emyr Stone was yellow carded after 20 minutes and Dinas took advantage of the extra man with a second try.

Despite being down to seven up front the pack were still performing well but a jinking run from the Dinas outside half resulted in a third try under the posts, duly converted.

A few minutes later Cowbridge lost Rhod Walker to a yellow card and just as it looked as if Cowbridge would hold out to half time, Dinas scored their fourth try, making the halftime score Cowbridge 3, Dinas Powys 24.

The second half started well for Cowbridge, who were camped on the Dinas line for a period of time. With Rhys Price and Geraint Thomas now on the pitch the pack continued to batter the Dinas line, but despite a series of penalties the referee seemed not so keen with the yellow cards this time.

The Dinas defence held out and an opportunity was lost. However, with a Dinas yellow card after 20 minutes, followed soon after by a red card for the visitors' prop after a flurry of punches, Cowbridge started to attack from deep with some adventerous runs from Dai Griffiths and full back Tom Harrison.

Despite plenty of possession Cowbridge were unable to breach the Dinas defence and in the dying minutes it was the visitors who came closest to scoring as their No 13 sprinted over the line only to be correctly flagged for a foot in touch by veteran touch judge Rob Price; that was it, the second half score 0-0, making the final score Cowbridge 3, Dinas Powys 24

Cowbridge will be disappointed with this scoreline as the pack won plenty of good ball but the visitors were gifted a couple of soft tries and there were opportunities in the second half that went begging, but there was spirit in the performance that augurs well for the coming months.

This Saturday we travel to Caerau Ely, followed next Saturday with a home SWALEC Bowl second round match against Ogmore Vale

Meanwhile the youth BC team welcomed St Josephs youth to the school field and ran out comfortable winners, 50-3.

With Llwyd Elms making great yards throughout and Dan Holder prominent in the loose Cowbridge scored eight tries. Dan Holder, Ben Jones, Zac Summerhaze and Llywd Elms crossed for tries in the first half with No. 10 Josh Thomas converting three.

In the second half Ben Jones scored his second as well as Dan Evans, Jon Nexman and Hywel Williams, Josh Thomas converting; well done boys.

The next youth games are on November 1 with the BC team away at Llanishen and the BD team home to Taffs Wells.

Finally we wish a speedy recovery to club stalwart Keri Price. Keri suffered a heart attack last week but is well on the road to recovery, expertly nursed by his dear wife Margaret - we all hope to see him back down the club soon. **RV/RK**

Cowbridge darts league

ON Tuesday October 7, there was a full programme of league matches.

With Llanharry Working Mens Club winning 9-0 against the Edmondes C and the Edmondes B losing 3-6 to the Highwayman Inn, they now have a commanding 10 point lead at the top of the table.

The Hare and Hounds rose up to third by defeating the Old Post Ladies 7-2. Meanwhile at the Farmer's Arms, their player Mo Fleming hit a 105 three-dart-out but it was not enough to stop the Edmondes A beating them 6-3.

Present league standings after four matches, are: Llanharry (31 points), Edmondes B (21), Hare and Hounds (19), Highwayman Inn (18), Edmondes A (16), Edmondes C (14), Farmer's Arms (13) and Old Post Ladies (10).

Next week, Tuesday, October 21, there is another full programme of league matches. The Old Post Ladies hosts the Edmondes A, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Farmer's Arms, the Edmondes C hosts the Hare and Hounds and the Edmondes B hosts Llanharry.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Cowbridge junior rugby round-up

The victorious Cowbridge under-13s!

COWBRIDGE under-13s have not updated GEM readers about their season so far – but after winning the Cardiff and Vale tournament on Sunday, October 12, we wanted to put that right!

After a gruelling series of fitness sessions held over the summer led by Austen Howells, the boys' strength and conditioning enabled them to combine this with pitch-based skills sessions to start their season at a pace that few teams have been able to live with.

The pre-season tournament at Pontyclun saw Cowbridge win all of their matches to clinch the title, against Pontyclun, Penallta and Blackwood.

The first league match was away - and away matches in the valleys are always hard - and the trip to Abercynon (Blues cup semi finalists last year) was never going to be easy.

The team absorbed intense pressure from the start but kept their nerve and stuck to their game plan, running out winners by a significant margin of 57-17 to set up a benchmark for the season to date. Other match wins so far have been against Bedwas, Porthcawl and St Peters.

The team proved themselves as worthy Cardiff and Vale tournament winners by beating all the teams and only conceding one try in the whole tournament - well done all the boys!

Squad: Billy Thomas, Will Tuckwell, Jack Forsyth, Ben Owen, Lewis Jones, Ben Evans, Oliver Piper, Patrick Pritchard, Benji Williams, Iestyn Galton, Charlie Phillips, Wil Howkins, Jac Burne, Rory James, Will O'Connor, Jack Tudor, Jamie Howells, Tom apjohn-Williams, Ed Thomas (c), Jo Gregory, Sam Veasey, Griff Naylor, Ben Batten, Jake Turnbull.

DAW

Cowbridge under-11s travelled to the Diamond Ground with 24 players knowing that a tough game awaited them against CRICC.

The match played over two 20 minute halves meant that two separate sides would compete in each half.

CRICC opened the scoring with a good try which was converted. The home side were aggressive at the breakdown, making it difficult for Cowbridge to win good quality possession; however, some quick thinking from Ruben Davies engineering an interception which was run in from halfway.

Davies converted his own try and then added another from long distance to take the visitors into the lead which was converted by Robbie Brown.

CRICC responded well and scored a fine try of their own which was also converted. Despite conceding two tries against dangerous attacking opponents Cowbridge displayed some great defence, typified by full back Will Harris' last ditch corner flag tackle to prevent another try and Robbie Brown who put in some big tackles.

Just as it looked like the sides would go in on level terms on the stroke of halftime CRICC scored a third try as Cowbridge failed to clear their lines, leaving the score 21-14 at halftime.

The second half saw a new set of players but CRICC scored two converted tries as Cowbridge struggled to impose themselves in the half.

To their credit it would have been easy for heads to go down but Cowbridge responded excellently as two forwards, Rhys Ford and Lewys Robins, produced powerful drives to cross the whitewash and put Cowbridge back in the match. Both tries were converted by outside half Harry Treharne.

However, it was the home side who had the final score of the match as they crossed for their sixth try which was converted. Despite some late pressure from the visitors Cowbridge were unable to register any further points and the match ended 42-28 in CRICC's favour.

Cowbridge displayed plenty of effort against good opposition and can take pride in their efforts but against these type of sides the under-11s will need to be more physical at the breakdown and improve their first up tackling if they are to end up on the right side of the winning line.

Squad: Tom Brennan, Alfie Rees, Sebastian Johns-Powell, Will Harris, Iolo Davies, Ethan Francis, Finlay Sullivan, Robbie Brown, Rhys Pritchard, Ifor Rees, Oliver Jones, Ben Hardy, Archie Lloyd, Finlay Brace, Leyws Robins, Ruben Davies, Will Ryan, Harry Treharne, Finlay Ball, Luke Treadwell, Seffan Evans, Rhys Ford, Sam Payne and Akka Guwy.

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The Cowbridge under-9s bandwagon rolled into CRICC for an entertaining fixture.

Ioan Philips started in imperious fashion, smashing through the defence and setting up a close range try for Henry Pugh. CRICC responded but James Collingridge cut a swathe past the CRICC defence to put Cowbridge back in front.

Tom Doble then continued his good form, showing great strength to get over the line. CRICC added scores of their own but a Joe Davies sidestep and dive into the left hand corner, followed by an unstoppable Ioan Philips run from 10 yards out, kept the scoreboard ticking over.

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